

Making a Masterpiece

Valley poets and writers celebrate their craft at the 5th Annual Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival

And the winners are...

The following poets and writers placed in the 5th Annual Poetry and Prose Writing Competition. Congratulations to all the winners.

Poetry - Adult

First: "Cedar Songs/Left Behind" by Linda Boyden

Second: "Harvest" by Ellen Gray

Third: "My Father's Justice" by Robert Aquinas McNally

Honorable Mentions:

"Ancestor" by Norma King Green, "Pale Eyes, Empty" by Linda Boyden and "Of This I am Certain" by Connie Hanstedt.

Prose - Adult

First: "The Sea" by Megan Lee

Second: "Market in Anqing" by Julie Nostrand

Third: "Chances" by Blanche Abrams

Honorable Mentions:

"The Willy Game" by Robert Eastwood, "Honeymoon in Folsom" by Shannon Brown and "Tess" by Howard Yeilding

Poetry - Youth ages 4-7

First: "The Husky in Colorado" by Isabel Brooks

Second: "Valentine's Day" by Isabel Brooks

Poetry - Youth ages 8-10

First: "Bike" by Kathryn Harlan-Gran

Second: "Writing in the Dark" by Kathryn Harlan-Gran

Third: "Night" by Kathryn Harlan-Gran

Honorable mentions:

"Dog" by Jon Ng and "The Boy Who Lost His Head" by Jon Ng

Poetry - Youth ages 11-12

First: "I am A Star" by Sarah Akenhead-York

Second: "Money" by Sarah Akenhead-York

Third: "Addicted" by Sarah Akenhead-York

Honorable mention:

"Creation" by Carolline Fortini

Poetry - Youth ages 13-19

First: "Your Old White T-Shirt Waits" by Lauren Emily Johnson

Second: "Arctic" by Patty Fang

Third: "Atmosphere Ice" by Krista Kutlik

Honorable mention:

"The Lion" by Patty Fang, "Ring of the Divine" by Jane Kimball and "Harbor" by Patty Fang

Prose - Youth ages 13-19

First: "The Smiles of Tomorrow" by Mike Chen

Second: "Walking Miles" by Mike Chen

photo and story by Julie Nostrand

I've long nurtured the dream of writing fiction. It started when I was about 7 and I announced over dinner one evening that I wanted to be an author. My stunned parents who really just wanted me to eat my green beans nodded their heads politely and asked about my day at Alisal Elementary School. While the need to earn a living slowed down the realization of my dream, my hopes remained a silent companion all these years.

When I saw "prose" in the title of the 5th Annual Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival, I picked up a brochure at Towne Center Books. I read over the pamphlet with great curiosity: for my area interest there were a couple of workshops and a contest to test the waters on my prose.

Just reading the contest entry instructions made me queasy, but I bravely packaged up a sample of my work, completed the registration form for the conference and sent my packet in by the deadline. Entering the contest was a great leap of faith for me: I had never written prose and I envisioned the judges doubled over with laughter at my attempt. I consoled myself by focusing on the workshops and reminding myself no one would know I entered the contest.

When April 1 finally arrived, I packed my note pad and a new pen and headed off to the Festival at the CarrAmerica Building. With sponsors including the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, the city of Pleasanton, CarrAmerica Realty Corporation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Herald/ANG Newspapers and A&M Printing, the day-long event promised to draw talented poets and writers from across California.

Founded in 2002 by City Poet Laureates Charlene Villella and Jim Ott, Cultural Arts Council President David Wright and Pleasanton's Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgenson, the Festival aims to provide an affordable, accessible, high-quality and diverse literary event to foster local talent.



Linda Ridgeway of Pleasanton (left) and Sarah Wilson of Danville (right) participate in "Author's Row" during the Festival's lunch break. Both were available to chat with conference participants and sign books.

While the celebration of the written word does include prose workshops and contests, poetry remains at its heart. Local prose writers have more alternatives to develop their craft in the area, and the organizers want to remain true to supporting the needs of aspiring bards.

Many attendees were veterans of the event, including Connie Hanstedt of Dublin. She has been coming to the event for four years and took honorable mention in this year's adult poetry contest. She usually attends the poetry sessions, but tried a prose workshop this year to support work on her memoir.

"I thought the exercises were fun," Hanstedt said of the prose workshop taught by Cindy Fisher-Luck of Writers Way Coaching. "Sometimes you need an unusual prompt to get yourself writing again."

As for the likelihood that she will come again to the Festival, Hanstedt confided, "I'm a lifer."

That's music to the ears of conference organizers. According to former Poet Laureate Kirk Ridgeway who is also co-chair of this year's event, the attendance has grown every year. In its inaugural

year, about 40 poets attended the Festival. This year, more than 120 people registered before the event started. With Pulitzer Prize winning author and screenwriter Michael Chabon slated to appear at next year's event on Saturday, March 31, the 2007 Festival could easily surpass this year's attendance figures.

After the morning session, Festival attendees had the chance to mix and mingle with local authors. The lunchtime "Authors' Row" drew an additional 50 people to listen to music, view a visual arts display and meet and greet local writers. A variety of local authors were on hand to sign books including, Simon Reed, author of "The Bizarre Killing of Michael Malloy"; Linda Ridgeway, author of "Pieces of Times"; John Wranovics, author of "Chaplin and Agee: The Untold Story of the Tramp, the Writer and the Lost Screen Play" and children's book author Sarah Wilson, who penned a favorite in my household, "Nap in the Lap".

After the brief lunch, attendees headed back into the conference rooms for additional workshops, followed by a Question and Answer session with former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins.

The day wrapped up with an awards banquet attended by 200 people. Collins and current Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant awarded more than \$1,260 to winning submissions in the poetry and prose contest.

It turns out I wasn't the only one to enter the competition. A total of 245 entries were received in seven categories. The five judges—Joan Garcia, Patricia Wellingham-Jones and Theresa Whitehall in the poetry contest and Lynn Carey and Penny Warner for the prose competition—had their work cut out for them.

When the winners were announced, I was delighted and relieved to know that my entry wasn't mocked: I took second place in the adult prose category. After listening to the talent in the workshops, I know this is a tremendous honor. And I think I, too, may be a "lifer" at the event. ■

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Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 10 p.m., Mon-Tues 1 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 2, 2:45, 4:10, 5, 6:15, 7:15, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:30, 4, 7:20, 9:50 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:30, 10:40, 11:10 a.m., 12:40, 1, 1:30, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 p.m.
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Yvonne Crawford (left) and Darlene Upmeier compare their "icons-in-progress" to a picture of the Image of Edessa.

Rebecca Guyon

Praying with icons

Icon Fellowship connects Christians during Easter season

by Rebecca Guyon

"The first stage is called 'Chaos' and it is so true. It starts in chaos, but out of the chaos, the Holy Spirit brings the light to you and it's an incredible experience," said Yvonne Crawford, a Pleasanton resident and member of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, about her experience writing an icon, a religious painting used for prayer in the Eastern Orthodox Christian tradition.

The process of making an icon, although it involves drawing and painting, is actually called "writing" because it is considered to have the same spiritual force as copying a holy text, explained Barbara Mitchell, the founder and organizer of the Icon Fellowship, a new group committed to making icons and learning about their role in Christianity.

"The process of making an icon is in itself a spiritual exercise," she said. "They are things to connect us to holy figures. In Eastern Orthodox religion, they think icons can connect you to God in a way the written word can't even do because we're very visual. There is a whole tradition of gazing at images as a means of connecting to God."

The Icon Fellowship had its first icon writing event earlier this month at Saint Michael's Church in Livermore. Nearly 40 people came and each person wrote their own icon of the Image of Edessa, which Christians believe is the first image of Jesus Christ. Although the students worked on their icons for hours, the process is quite time consuming and they took them home to finish over the course of several months.

"This is a whole other type of prayer that had been lost to us (Catholics)," said Darlene Upmeier, a Pleasanton resident and member of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. "For many years we didn't reach out to other Christian faiths, but on Saturday there was a Catholic priest and an Orthodox priest...It's such a joy to see in our Valley, especially at this time

of year, unity with our brothers and sisters who we separated from a long time ago." This Sunday most Christians celebrate Easter, which is perhaps the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter April 23.

The idea of writing icons may be uncomfortable to many Christians who see it as a form of idol worship, however Mitchell points out that they do not pray to the icon, but that the act of writing an icon is a prayer. Once the writing is complete, the icon may be used as a tool in prayer, but is never the object of worship.

"Every stroke is a prayer," Upmeier added.

The Icon Fellowship started after Mitchell, an art historian, gave a lecture on icons at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton's Bible study group.

"I had always been into Western art, not as much Byzantine art, but my husband is Orthodox and we have some icons at home," Mitchell said. "I thought it would be interesting for the church to have a lecture on icons...We looked at why religious art looks so different in the East than in the West." After the lecture, many people from the Catholic community expressed an interest in learning more and two local Orthodox priests said they'd be interested in helping Mitchell form a group.

The group's next meeting is May 6 and they are going to spend the day visiting churches that have complete sets of icons in the Santa Cruz area. After that, they will meet the first Saturday of every month and continue working on different icons.

"There's something profound in the images, but I don't understand what it is," Mitchell said. "But by writing an icon, I feel I get closer to understanding it." ■

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Pleasanton Real Estate News



by Gerarda Stocking

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Brokeback Mountain
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 Director: Ang Lee



Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain" plays like a cautionary melodrama from the 50's or 60's except with an organic sense of inflated tragedy where maybe some cheekiness should have been in order. It is a tale, in essence, of forbidden and unrequited love, which had many movie forms last year and cumulated in "Brokeback" and "King Kong". But where as "King Kong" had a giant gorilla as its monstrous metaphor of the power of the outsider vs. the system, "Brokeback" has two handsome cowboys who carry on a secret affair for twenty years which ends, of course, in deepest despair. Aside from the gay and lesbian community, a special few flocked (especially some of the ladies around my office) expecting to see two sexy men in the throes of passion (and disguised their motives within the film's politically correct label) and what they got was a film that touched many and, ludicrously, enraged even more.

The film begins with a deep, uneasy silence between Ennis (a surprisingly worthy Heath Ledger) and Jack (miscast Jake Gyllenhaal) who are waiting outside Joe Aguirre's Wyoming office to apply for work. It is the 1960's and the two, in stoic cowboy fashion, try to "out man" each other with their stillness until Aguirre (Randy Quaid) arrives and bluntly gives the two an assignment to guard his grazing sheep during the summer months on Brokeback mountain. The pair takes a tent and supplies and head into the wild where the isolation forces them to let down their guards and develop a friendship in-between their shifts of keeping up camp and scaring away predators. If there was a culprit, it could be the copious amounts of whiskey that, one night, help the two men to open up to surprisingly and, violently, make love. The two have morning-after mannerisms, but even those eventually dissipate into a deep relationship.


The rest of the film is the aftermath of that fateful summer. Ennis marries his sweetheart Alma (wonderful Michelle Williams) but is always distant and sullen; Jack marries Lureen (Anne Hathaway), a country princess with a rich father, and he seems to thrive, albeit with some hidden issues, in his marriage. The two meet every few months, under the guise of fishing trips, where they try to relive their happy isolation on Brokeback Mountain. It is Ennis, however, that we find is more earnest with his feelings and whose life slowly fades away from him because of this. We watch him painfully self-destruct, always in a rage because of fear and confusion and his story is the one that is the most poignant.

Overall, the film has its moments of grandeur, but never fully satisfies because of its one-note story. The first half of the film moves with an energy because Ennis and Jack, coupled with the poetic scenery (courtesy of cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto and Canada's Rockies), distill the adventure of the story with their relationship as a type of surprise element. The second half seems like a dreary afterthought, as if the theme of tragedy has to be hammered into the audience for posterity, with only a gallows walk pace to the finish. It's a film that leaves a bitter-sweet taste not for its sexuality, which is both tasteful and humanistic, but for its depressing notion that we should treat its subject with a type of lifeless reverence that feels ill-suited to a movie about two gay cowboys.

—Joe Ramirez

Corrections

Two photos that ran with the Living story, "If it's Passover, it's matzo time!" on April 7 incorrectly identified the people in the photos. The correct caption for the photo with the headline "Celebrating women in Judaism" should have read, "Terri Felix (left) and her daughter Rachel Felix (right) share some matzo during the "Daughters of Miriam Seder" Monday April 3."




The photo that ran in the center of page 29 should have read, "Sydney Finkel, 7, holds up her matzo creation after completing the Model Matza Bakery on Sunday."

Sports

Parent photographers

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Amador hosts 3rd annual Special Olympics

The third annual two-day Special Olympics East Bay Region Basketball Tournament was held in Pleasanton last weekend with 51 teams and 600 individuals from throughout the Bay Area participating.

Pleasanton was represented by the Pleasanton the Recreational Activities for Developmentally Disadvantaged (RADD) adult team, which fielded A and B teams, and the Tri-Valley Youth team, which took a silver

medal playing in the 4 D/E division. The Pleasanton RADD is headed by Tom Morelli who has been volunteering with Special Olympics for the past 30 years.

Police Chief Tim Neal opened the tournament with a welcoming speech by Councilmember Matt Sullivan. Jack Nespor of the Tri-Valley Rockets was the torch runner. The tournament was hosted by the Amador Valley High School Athletic Boosters Club and held on

seven courts at the school and at Pleasanton Middle School.

More than 300 volunteers, of which 200 were students from Amador, helped with the tournament, including serving lunch for 900 participating athletes.

The Amador Boosters will host the Track and Volleyball competitions on Saturday, May 6 at Amador. Contact Kent Young at zenkent@comcast.net for more information.

—Ken Mano

Golf team wins in Merced

The Amador Golf team took first place in the Joe Montano Invitational Golf Tournament at Merced G & C. C. on Monday, April 10. The team posted a 412 in wet conditions winning by 8 strokes over the nearest competitor. Kirk Laffins won the individual title with a 74, Jonny Baxter tied for second with a 78 and Mike Ortega took fifth with a solid 81. Senior Britton Russell and Freshman Ryan Snow, playing in their first varsity appearances of the spring, shot 90 and 89 respectively.

—Ken Mano

Lady Dons shut out Lady Dragons 2-0

After a week of rain-cancelled games, the Amador Valley Lady Dons Varsity softball team took the field against Bishop O'Dowd last week and won their third game of the season with a score of 2-0.

Christina Fromson, Breanna Furphy, Alex Bright and Emily Cipolla each had singles during the game for a total of four hits. Brittany Hillman drove in the first run with a sacrifice fly scoring Audra Bloom from third base. The second run was scored in the fifth inning when both Alex Bright and Cipolla hit tough chances to the hole at short that were misplayed.

Michelle Pitts and Bloom both walked forcing in the run.

During the game, left fielder Fromson made an exciting catch of a foul ball at the fence to stop the opponents in their tracks. The game ended on a double play started by right fielder Bloom who threw to first baseman Karen Cross to get the runner out at first. Cross then threw the ball to catcher Pitts who chased the runner back to third and threw to third baseman Kelly McKeenan for the last out of the game.

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Transitions

Births

The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center and the Gibson family.

Feb. 22

Shelby and Mickey Williams, a girl

March 5

Deborah and Ling Tan, a girl

March 10

Jessica Cortex and Luis Lopez, boy



March 19

Dan and Lori Gibson became the parents of 5 pound 11 ounce, 19 inch baby girl named Hailey Kathryn Gibson.

Obituaries

Agnes Brophy

Agnes Brophy passed away on March 25.

She was a native of Oakland and a graduate of Oakland Technical High School where she played basketball and tennis. She was a great athlete who played ping-pong well into her 80s. She also worked and owned two beauty parlors in the 1950's in Alameda. She loved to enter-

tain for her family and friends. She took numerous cruises and traveled throughout the western hemisphere. She will be remembered for her positive attitude, her giving spirit, talkative nature and her love of her family and many friends.

She is survived by son Tim Brophy and his wife Linda Brophy of Pleasanton; daughter Kathy Magorno and her husband Mike Magorno of Pleasanton; four grand-

children; and one great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, George Brophy.

A Memorial Service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday April 22 at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11557 Shannon Ave., Dublin followed by a luncheon.

Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Dublin 94568.

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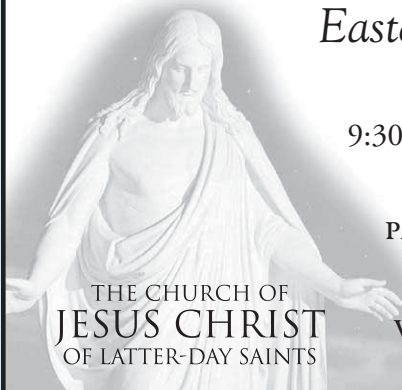
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April 15

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April 16

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Top schools give Pleasanton Realtors an edge

New program aims for education excellence

by **Jeb Bing**

School Superintendent John Casey took his campaign for better schools to Pleasanton Realtors last week, detailing recommendations by the school district's Excellence Committee for millions of dollars in improvements that could persuade more families to move here.

Casey said the committee's priority list includes the need for more classrooms so that fourth and fifth grade class sizes can be reduced to no more than 25 students, more school counselors, better school libraries, credentialed school nurses and increased funding for technology and academic programs.

The improvements would continue to keep Pleasanton schools on the top rung of academic achievement, he said.

"Can you imagine telling your clients that 99 percent of California schools have class sizes of 33 students in the fourth and fifth grades, but in Pleasanton we limit those grades to just 25 students in each classroom?" Casey asked. "You can tell them that as a community, we stepped up to the challenge and made that happen. It's a great benefit to our students."

Speaking at a meeting of the Valley Marketing Association, a professional organization that serves Tri-Valley Realtors, Casey talked about California achieving world-class standards for its schools.

"The state says if we have these world class standards, which are wonderful for our students, what does it take to educate our students to best achieve those standards?" Casey said. "Sometimes we get impatient with the state as it searches for answers, so we decided to take it on ourselves. The Pleasanton committee's task was to identify practices, policies and procedures that would enhance our services for our students, families and community."

The committee began meeting in October 2005 and was made of 55 members, including high school students, parents, teachers, site administrators, district office staff and others from the community.

"They were charged with thinking out-

side the box and, at least initially, to avoid being limited by funding considerations," Casey said.

A top priority is to improve the student to counselor ratios at all levels, including adding one full-time counselor at each elementary school, three at each middle school and enough more to lower the student to counselor ratio at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools from 695:1 to 350:1.

"I'm sure most of us had the opportunity when we were in high school to see our counselors during the school year whether we needed to or not, just to talk about homework, future interests and to develop good relationships," Casey said.

"Today, with each counselor responsible for 695 students in our high schools, there's no way that can happen. Do the math. What would your home sales prospects think if you told them Pleasanton has a 695:1 student to counselor ratio?"

The strategic plan also suggests adding a Global Orientation component, which specifies that students develop competence in English and study a second language at an early age. To achieve this goal, the Excellence Committee is recommending that nine world language teachers be hired and assigned across the city's nine elementary schools.

"What a great sell that would be for Realtors," Casey said.

"I believe most of your clients recognize Pleasanton for its very good school district," Casey said. "But we want to make it even better than it is now and look for your support."

Noting that school board member Gloria Fredette had just resigned, Casey asked the Realtors to consider seeking a seat on the board.

"This is your opportunity to participate," he said.

Casey distributed fact sheets and proposals by the Excellence Committee, urging Realtors to read the 19 page handout and then to contact the school district office with their comments. The committee's proposals can be read online at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/Superintendent/Excellence, a site that also allows for public responses. ■



Superintendent John Casey addresses Pleasanton Realtors at the Valley Marketing Association's meeting.

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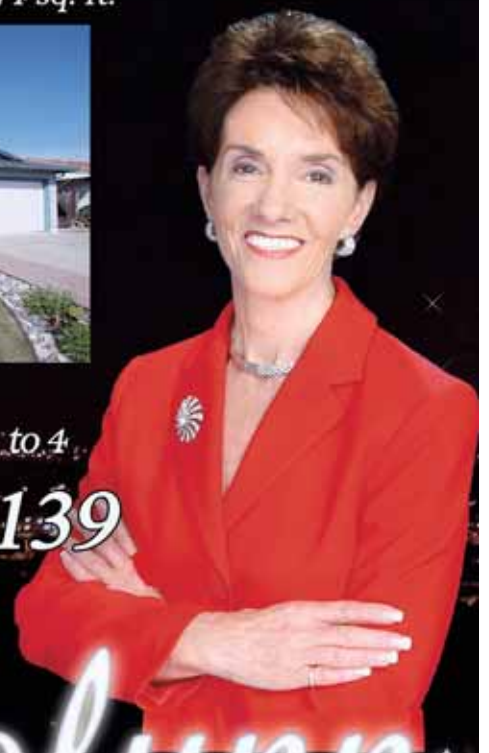
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Source: Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 24	Total sales reported: 13	Total sales reported: 27	Total sales reported: 40
Lowest sale reported: \$420,000	Lowest sale reported: \$260,000	Lowest sale reported: \$378,500	Lowest sale reported: \$289,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,850,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,241,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,150,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,890,000
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- 1093 Ventura Ave.** \$450,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 292-SOLD
- 4184 Torrey Pine Wy.** \$530,000
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- 524 Oriole Ave.** \$539,888
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- 605 Glasgow Cir.** \$960,000
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Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2006

Pleasanton

- 2344 Bay Meadows Circle S.** & M. Anderson to L. Madden for \$619,000
- 1404 Briones Lane** Ponderosa Homes to M. Shin for \$1,257,500
- 5800 Camino Tassajara** J. & T. Asbury to B. Oas for \$1,216,000
- 7870 Clifden Court** Muggs Inc. to M. & J. Szeto for \$620,000
- 4488 Comanche Way S. & S.** Silveira to H. Chakravarthy for \$428,000
- 6925 Corte Mateo B. & S.** Borg to D. & R. Dougherty for \$879,000
- 811 Division Street #10** VFS 2 to M. Aquilizan for \$420,000
- 1354 Galanti Court M. & S.** Callahan to G. Noori for \$2,779,000
- 1811 Harms Drive K. & E.** Lelliott to M. Lein for \$665,000
- 2178 Inverness Court N.** Dunipace to H. Gomes for \$975,000
- 1706 Magnolia Circle K.** Gutekunst to L. Gregory for \$800,000
- 211 Mavis Drive W. & P.** Harrison to Zentner Trust for \$585,000
- 2992 Moreno Avenue X.** Ji to A. Salpekar for \$790,000
- 8015 Mountain View Drive #B C.** Plummer to J. Davis for \$485,000
- 3545 Norton Way S.** Pietronave to K. Abreu for \$469,000
- 2208 Oakland Avenue A. & P.** Wong to K. Low for \$740,500

- 4015 Page Court** Harper Trust to J. Shin for \$720,000
- 3460 Pickens Lane** M. Hunitie to M. Hansen for \$680,000
- 319 Ray Street #9** Fountain Creek Property to A. & G. Bellow for \$628,000
- 4025 San Giorgio Court** P. Pillai to S. Simpson for \$625,000
- 3863 Saratoga Way R. & A.** Galindo to A. Kumar for \$457,000
- 7271 Valley View Court N.** Buth to E. Blanco for \$680,000
- 1681 Via Di Salerno S.** Bhullar to T. Lan for \$2,850,000
- 2315 Westbridge Lane M.** Delarroz to S. Lee for \$990,000

Dublin

- 5025 Branford Court** Pulte Homes to V. & T. Sanchez for \$1,241,000
- 5036 Branford Court** Pulte Homes to L. Zhu for \$1,125,500
- 7565 Calle Verde Road P.** Edge to A. Pfister for \$730,000
- 6520 Conestoga Lane #72** S. Geisel to Gourley Trust for \$485,000
- 7031 Dublin Meadows Street #B** A. Carillo to G. & L. Rodgers for \$510,000
- 3290 Maguire Way #308** Toll Dublin Limited to S. Yu for \$260,000
- 3240 Maguire Way** Toll Dublin Limited to G. Zhu for \$265,000
- 6680 Maple Drive C. & S.** Bogue to A. Bogue for \$410,000
- 8372 North Locust Place** Burke Trust to Y. Feng for \$639,000

- 4246 Roscommon Way** K. Fogarty to V. Tsukada for \$960,000
- 7016 Stagecoach Road #C** P. Lew to L. & A. Rodriguez for \$400,000
- 8163 Via Zapata A. & J.** Delasierra to B. Nuckols for \$839,000
- 8752 Wicklow Lane A.** Baldoza to A. & E. Anderson for \$710,000

Livermore

- 1573 4th Street W. & G.** Wylie to Sweeney Trust for \$1,033,500
- 2488 Ancona Circle M. & T.** Shearin to B. & S. Barnes for \$1,150,000
- 695 Andrews Street S.** Ogle to J. Ramos for \$505,000
- 3682 Carrigan Common M. & M.** Herschbach to E. Arrizon for \$421,000
- 3793 Carrigan Common M.** Christensen to C. Parco for \$394,000
- 5884 Cedarwood Common** R. Garcha to J. & M. Bertolucci for \$690,000
- 2757 Elston Street** Signature at Dymond to K. & A. Santin for \$963,500
- 1242 Glenwood Street G. & S.** Taylor to R. Goucher for \$635,000
- 458 Hanover Street C. & S.** Hartmann to D. & E. Weed for \$569,000
- 1791 Jennifer Drive** Ewing Trust to J. & K. Martin for \$605,000
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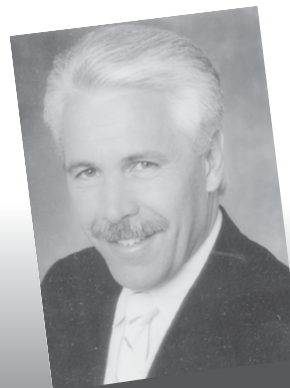
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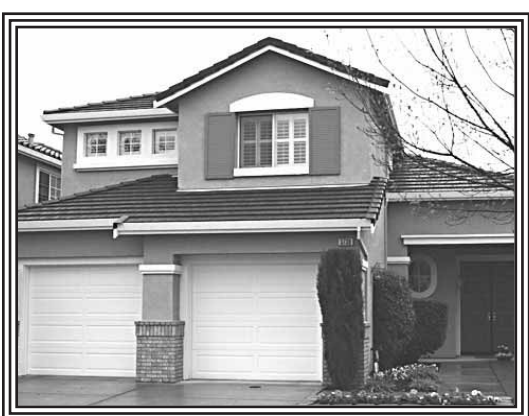
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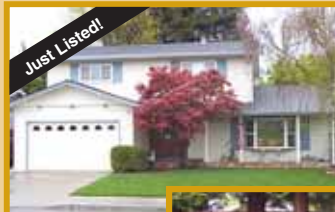




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