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Connecting with seniors

*Non-profit organization
helps seniors stay active*

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On a recent sunny spring day, the aroma of chicken potpie and the buzz of conversation filled the activity room at the Pleasanton Senior Center center as more than 50 seniors gathered for a "Friendly Visiting" luncheon.

"This is one of the nicest luncheons in town," said Ethel McDonald, 85, who lives alone in a nearby senior apartment complex.

Kathryn Auger, 87, who is in a wheelchair, said she enjoys the social outing the luncheon provides. "You have to get out. You can't stay in the house like a hermit."

Fred Brown, 92, an Alameda County native who has lived in Pleasanton for 48 years, said he attends the luncheon for the company. "Also, it gives me something to do," added the World War II veteran, whose tablemates were quick to note he was awarded the Purple Heart.

When several other luncheon guests were queried about why they attend, good food and a free lunch were the top responses. Those answers delight executive director Marlene Petersen, who has been with the program for 23 years.

"We have quite a group of wonderful people. Each one of them has stories," she said. "Each one of them has had something that caused them to need assistance at some point. For them to feel comfortable in a social setting like this really says how far they've come."

The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is an independent, nonprofit agency that serves seniors 60 years and older in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol. The program, which is housed at the Pleasanton Senior Center, started in 1985.

It relies on city, county and federal grants, as well as private donations to provide a vast array of services, from case management to support

groups for caregivers to an in-home registry to help link seniors with care providers and homemaker services. There are also a variety of health screenings as well as exercise and nutrition classes offered at senior apartment complexes. Currently, the program assists 900 seniors in the Tri-Valley, Petersen said.

The Friendly Visiting program, which is just one of many services the Senior Support Program offers, pairs volunteers with seniors living on their own. Volunteers visit the seniors in person or by phone,

works. It is amazing."

Seniors are referred to the program through word of mouth, the Senior Center, hospitals and friends and family, Rohloff said.

Annette Mulder, 71, is a typical client. She moved to Pleasanton three years ago from Fremont and was experiencing problems with her medical insurance and finding new providers.

"I didn't know which way to go. They were my lifesaver," Mulder said. "They are beautiful people. I want to let the world know that if they need help, they can call here. They made such a difference in my life. I think I would have gone crackers on my own."

Helen Hunley, 76, said she has been helped by the program in many ways, most importantly through caring phone calls.

"They call me regularly to see if I'm OK. I've had a lot of medical problems in the last three weeks so it's nice to have someone in my corner," Hunley said.

"They're called volunteers, but what they are is extra special."

Another Senior Support Program service that's making a difference for local seniors is the Healthy Lifestyles. Registered dietitians Carol Garberson and Debbie Whiteside, along with exercise instructor Denise Edwards, lead nutrition and exercise classes at three senior residential sites in Livermore and Pleasanton. The classes are offered free, although donations are gratefully accepted, Garberson said.

Using fitness balls, rubber bands and exercise bands, participants in the classes are able to do gentle exercises to increase their strength, flexibility, balance and stamina.

"I can move my fingers better and I can balance on one leg better," confirmed Robbie Meyer, 79, who regularly takes the classes offered at Pleasanton Gardens as well as an exercise class at the



Seniors stretch and stay in shape with the Healthy Lifestyles exercise class offered at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

assist with shopping and running errands, giving rides to appointments, and providing a social connection.

"Our volunteers become a friend. It's a wonderful feeling for the volunteers," said Lorie Rohloff, the Friendly Visitor coordinator.

She currently oversees 90 volunteers who assist approximately 250 seniors.

"It's very flexible. We work with the volunteers on what the senior needs and what the volunteer wants to do," said Rohloff, emphasizing that the time commitment is up to the volunteer.

"We desperately need more volunteers," Petersen added. "They can run errands or visit the seniors in their own homes on their time schedule. It is such a flexible schedule. For some volunteers, it can be as little as once a month. The Friendly Visitors program really



Eve Berger (left) enjoys socializing at the Friendly Visiting luncheon, held at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The program offers support for seniors, keeping them active in the community.

Senior Center.

Carmen Ruiz, 87, and Mary Garcia, 88, are also regulars at the twice weekly exercise class at Pleasanton Gardens.

"My body is more relaxed and it helps my thinking," Garcia said.

"I get a lot out of it," added Ruiz, who also takes weekly yoga and line-dancing classes at the Senior Center.

Garberson and Whiteside conduct a fitness assessment every six months to measure the seniors' progress. The results have been positive and were the basis of an abstract presented by Catherine Inouye, an associate professor of kinesiology at Cal State University, East Bay, at a 2005 conference of the Western Society for Kinesiology and Wellness.

In one fitness test given to 22 participants, 91 percent experienced improved balance, 100 percent gained strength, 86 percent increased their muscular endurance and 95 percent had improved agility.

"We have seen changes in diet, changes in exercise and changes in strength," Garberson said. "People who had limited range of motion and couldn't do daily activities are able to do more. When they start increasing activity, they can often lower some medications. It makes a world of difference." ■

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Blades of Glory ★★

Will Ferrell is skating on thin ice. The Saturday Night Live alum has long embraced absurdist comedy (think "Anchorman" or "Talladega Nights"), often with hilarious results ("Old School" is a personal favorite).

Not this time. Although Ferrell does supply most of the film's intermittent laughs, the ridiculous concept and poor execution put "Blades" at the bottom of Ferrell's otherwise winning resume.

Two celebrated male figure skaters child prodigy Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder of "Napoleon Dynamite") and "lone wolf" Chazz Michael Michaels (Ferrell) are at the pinnacle of their profession. The two very different men are heated rivals, a discord that culminates with a violent melee at the World Championships. The embarrassing clash gets both skaters banned from the sport for life—and MacElroy disowned by his greedy adopted dad.

Flash forward three-and-a-half years. MacElroy works the ice-skates department of a shoe store while Michaels drunkenly performs for a children's ice show. Things perk up when MacElroy's self-

professed stalker (Nick Swardson) finds a loophole in the skating rulebook. MacElroy can return to competition in pairs' figure skating, and who better to team with than his one-time rival? Soon MacElroy and Michaels are making nice and training under MacElroy's coach (Craig T. Nelson) in hopes of winning championship gold.

Michaels is a riotous anti-skater. The out-of-shape showboat is a sex addict and a lush—a far cry from the figure-skater stereotype we've seen on ESPN. And Ferrell plays the role with gusto, never once taking the character seriously. Heder, on the other hand, offers little in the laughs department. Sadly, the young performer isn't a very dynamic actor. Most of his portray-

als seem a mere variation on the role that made him famous in "Napoleon Dynamite." Ben Stiller (one of the film's producers) or Owen Wilson would have been smarter casting choices.

Ferrell fans will find flashes of hilarity in "Blades," but DVD is a better outlet for these silly skaters.

Rating: PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language, a comic violent image and some drug references. 1 hours, 33 minutes.

—Tyler Hanley



Ready to Rent

Volver

Sony DVD
2hrs 1min
Director: Pedro Almodóvar

Director Pedro Almodóvar's "Volver" (which means "To Return" in Spanish) feels like a recycling of his earlier films; more so, an imitation of himself without his naughtiness or humanity. There is sex and violence and love and wacky parents and Penélope Cruz's bosom (which the director lovingly seems to light from all angles), but the sense of care that is in his great works, especially films like "Talk To Her" and "All About My Mother," are missing from this work. In those movies, there is hope infused with the story which, like all great stories, keeps you guessing till the very end. In "Volver," there is nothing to indicate that Almodóvar is remotely interested in his characters and thus his story either, which is deadly because the two are always locked in a reciprocal romance, one feeding off the other.

In "Talk To Her," Almodóvar took the best of what he knew—pieces of directors Brian DePalma-cum-Hitchcock, Luis Bunel and Jean-Luc Godard—and cut a narrative so refreshing, so powerful aesthetically, that you couldn't help but feel happy you discovered a good film experience for once. Ever since, however, he seems to have been a creature of his own polished technique, forgetting that he was making movies for a living audience, as with the ingenious but very cold "Bad Education." Almodóvar is best when he is being immature and playful, when his technique seems a little rough around the edges. He creeps up on our sensibilities slowly and strikes like a near miss car crash, rattling you afterwards because you cannot process the immensity of the experience. His style is one that demands attention and you immediately focus because you know there should be a great payoff.

I waited and waited for that payoff throughout "Volver" but it never manifested from the stews of its squabbling women and dirty family secrets. The movie stars Cruz (whose own spoken native Spanish adds spheres to her performance as compared to

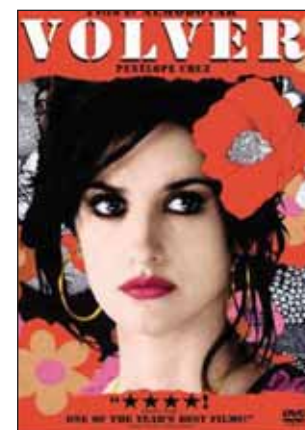
her tortured English speaking ones) as suffering Raimunda, a housewife still in mourning for her mother who just died in a horrible fire.

The movie opens with Raimunda and her sister Sole (Lola Duenas, whose awry physiognomy make her an underused comic relief) going to clean their mother's gravestone and pay a visit to their great aunt in the village.

When no one is around, this aunt suspiciously talks to herself at length about daily activities and still manages to cook elaborate meals for her nieces. The sisters become suspicious when their aunt dies and the funeral arrangements are made a little too neatly without their cooperation, as if there was a third party coordinating these events from beyond the grave.

I cannot say "Volver" is bad—it's just disappointing. However, there are moments that shine due to the director's touch: The aunt's wake with a room full of ancient women uttering the rosary in unison; Cruz's best Sofia Loren impersonation as she sings the title song of "Volver"; the sound of the ever blowing wind through the ancient village; and a reunion on a lone, bright red city bench, as if the characters were sitting on a giant hot pepper. These are the times I wished for in the movie. Many, many praises should also go to cinematographer José Luis Alcaíne whose images bleed the primary colors and seem to attack us with a feeling of pure cinema, of something not acquired on TV. Is "Volver" worth viewing? I say yes, if only for the chance of watching a movie whose director has misfired, but leaves you hoping for something better in the future.

—Joe Ramirez



Tea time

Mad Hatter Tea will raise for The Assistance League

The Assistance League of Amador Valley is hosting its annual Mad Hatter's Tea April 28, a fundraiser to support the league's many philanthropic projects. Although the tea isn't until the end of the month, the last chance to make reservations is April 14.

Four hundred women are expected to attend the event, which will feature a fashion show by Chico's in addition to tea and sandwiches. The tea tables, which are known for their fancy designs, will be previewed at noon with background music by pianist Angela Mastrantonio. Tea will be served at 1 p.m.

Being that this is the Mad Hatter's tea, women are encouraged to wear their best and brightest hats and the favorites will win prizes in a hat contest. Keeping with the theme, lucky teacups will be on sale. There will also be



a raffle and silent auction.

The Assistance League of Amador Valley is a group of about 90 women who volunteer at a variety of venues in the Tri-Valley. Projects include: Operation School Bell, a program that donates clothes, books, school supplies and tutoring services to K-3 students in need; Assault Survivor Kits, where volunteers assemble

kits containing clothing, personal hygiene products and a teddy bear and donate them to survivors of sexual assault at Tri-Valley Haven Rape Crisis Center; Caring About the Retired and Elderly (CARE), a program through the Pleasanton Senior Center and the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center that provides events and activities for senior citizens and visits with residents; Screening Eyes Early, providing annual early detection of visual problems at nine local preschools; Horizon High School, offering tutoring and child care to this school for teenage parents.

Tickets are \$45 and include tea, sandwiches and desserts. Call Annette, 462-5275 or Rickie, 846-3922 or e-mail alamadorvalley@yahoo.com to purchase tickets. Visit www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org for more information.

—Rebecca Guyon



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Above: Marsha Reid prepares tea for the event, after all, you can't have a tea party without tea. Left: Marty Wadekamper decorates at last year's Mad Hatter Tea.

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Real Estate

Easter egg hunt keeps Realtors known in Val Vista

Flashbergers sponsor series of community promotions in their name

by Jeb Bing

Sue and Dan Flashberger are not only successful Realtors. They are among the top marketing teams in Pleasanton real estate.

Hundreds turned out last Sunday for their 14th annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt in Val Vista Community Park. Invitations went out to the 1,050 homeowners in the Val Vista community as well as to those who have bought or sold homes through their agency, the Flashberger Group, which is affiliated with Keller Williams Real Estate.

“Even for those who don’t join us for this exciting event, the community knows we’re putting it on,” Dan Flashberger said. “In this competitive market where there are 500 and more Realtors selling homes, you have to make sure your potential customers are familiar with your name.”

It’s not easy. The Flashbergers buy 1,000 of the multi-colored plastic eggs in February and spend nearly two months preparing for the event, which is held on open space at the Val Vista Park which they reserve each year from the city. Then they fill each egg with pieces of candy and “tidbits,” Dan Flashberger said, adding another six special golden eggs that contain special gift coupons.

“It has become a tradition in Val Vista with many families,” said Sue Flashberger. “It’s amazing to watch the families and the children grow up with these events. Most of the children don’t know us as their family Realtor but as the couple that put on that



Gabrielle and Melanie Martel, both 6, get set to dash for eggs in annual Easter Egg Hunt held Sunday at Val Vista Community Park.



Children dash to retrieve eggs during 14th annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday in Val Vista Community Park.



Realtors Sue and Dave Flashberger stand with some of hundreds of children who turned out for the 14th annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, an event they sponsor at Val Vista Community Park.

great Easter Egg Hunt. I got an email the other day from a client who said that her son said out of the blue: ‘Mom do you know what I love the most about Easter? The Easter Egg Hunt.’”

Last Sunday’s event started at noon with face painters, pony rides and a jumpy house for the children to enjoy while they awaited the 1 p.m. Easter egg hunt. With Sue Flashberger blowing the whistle, more than 250 children dashed forward to toward the field of eggs and then a chance to redeem prizes. Everyone went home a winner.

The annual Easter Egg hunt is not the only promotion the Flashbergers hold each year. On July 4, they will distribute American flags to each household and then, later this summer, will take about 100 of their clients who have used the

Flashberger Group to buy or sell a home to a special night at the Oakland A’s. That will include blankets and refreshments for their guests to enjoy on the field after the game to watch the fireworks.

This spring, they also gave out tomato plants with growing tips to every Val Vista homeowner.

“We used to give out pumpkins at Halloween time, but that got a little overwhelming for the two of us,” Dave Flashberger said.

The Flashbergers moved to Pleasanton from Castro Valley 15 years ago, first settling in Val Vista. Sue Flashberger has been a Realtor for the last 18 years, first with Century 21 and then joining Keller Williams. Her husband became a licensed Realtor nine years ago and they formed the Flashberger Group. ■

Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 16	Total sales reported: 17	Total sales reported: 15	Total sales reported: 44
Lowest sale reported: \$347,500	Lowest sale reported: \$384,000	Lowest sale reported: \$425,000	Lowest sale reported: \$300,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,559,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,090,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,100,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,631,000
Average sales reported: \$842,625	Average sales reported: \$699,294	Average sales reported: \$686,133	Average sales reported: \$708,489

Home Sales

This week’s data represents homes sold during March 2007

Pleasanton

- 2182 Arroyo Court #4** C. Schultz to M. Nahim for \$347,500
- 366 Christina Court** C. & E. Berattis to C. & L. Allen for \$720,000
- 6061 Corte Encinas** G. Surla to L. Zheng for \$657,500
- 2752 Corte Ponderosa** J. & T. Wible to N. & C. Harold for \$838,000
- 1022 Deer Creek Court** R. McGovern to B. & S. King for \$1,257,000
- 2812 Garden Creek Circle** Genoni Trust to J. Merrill for \$675,000
- 3949 Kern Court** J. Sheets to Y. Jen for \$640,000
- 1120 Mills Court** Ponderosa Homes to E. Eliassen for \$970,000
- 951 Mingoia Street** Centex Homes to K. McMillen for \$1,559,000
- 4630 Mohr Avenue** R. & D. Middleton to D. & K. Webb for \$835,000
- 3633 Rocking Horse Court** Pfeiffer Ranch Investors to N. Le for \$359,500
- 3637 Rocking Horse Court** Pfeiffer Ranch Investors to K. Lee for \$759,500
- 5393 Springdale Avenue** S. Giarruso to L. Felske for \$565,000
- 4101 Stanley Boulevard** Delafuente Trust to J. & K. Burdine for \$540,000
- 1328 Stone Canyon Court** Ponderosa Homes to D. Loriato for \$1,489,000
- 2448 Via De Los Milagros** S. Johnson to K. Labar for \$1,270,000

Dublin

- 5658 Bellevue Circle** L. Brainerd to M. Mylius for \$839,000
- 11361 Bloomington Way** R. & C. Mendonsa to P. Brodehl for \$795,000
- 8265 Cavalier Lane** GMBA Limited to J. & D. Widenbaum for \$540,000
- 8657 Davona Drive** K. Fleck to B. & N. Darling for \$631,000
- 3657 Finnian Way** R. & M. Concepcion to A. & T. Cleary for \$665,000
- 7873 Firebrand Drive** J. & N. Matthews to R. Hoganas for \$615,000
- 7577 Landale Avenue** P. Cook to P. & M. Pezzi for \$700,000
- 3290 Maguire Way #112** J. & S. Mariscal to A. Kunnaragthai for \$542,000
- 7405 Oxford Circle** R. Abigana to S. Trgo for \$530,000
- 3289 Ridgefield Way** Pulte Homes to M. & S. Aiyub for \$1,090,000
- 3512 Saddlebrook Place** J. & T. Locke to A. Cheng for \$950,000
- 4518 Sandyford Court** M. Knight to G. Munoz for \$575,000
- 4626 Sandyford Court** Pivonka Trust to B. & K. Wells for \$562,000

7778 Shady Creek Road R. & C. Troia to A. Thurston for \$750,000

6967 Stagecoach Road #F J. Minor to H. Hamilton for \$384,000

8542 Wicklow Lane M. & M. Karimi to K. Ky for \$675,000

5410 Woodshire Lane D. & V. David to R. & N. Clark for \$1,045,000

Livermore

- 1625 Alviso Place** T. Olsen to E. & M. Smith for \$589,000
- 285 Bellington Common #1** D. Vandusen to O. Zargham for \$425,000
- 5534 Berwind Avenue** N. & K. Trujillo to E. Storm for \$455,000
- 629 Caliente Avenue** V. Wignall to A. & A. Vargas for \$451,000
- 2651 Calistoga Court** Henderson Trust to R. Boyd for \$1,100,000
- 1921 Depot Drive #103** Signature at Station Square to P. & C. Valley for \$650,000
- 2486 Detert Street** Meritage Homes to S. & M. Guillory for \$1,100,000
- 3658 Madeira Way** Cook Trust to C. Lindquist for \$515,000
- 767 Mojave Avenue** R. Rerich to J. Giambone for \$645,000
- 1042 Padua Way** Prudential Relocation to H. & P. Brown for \$900,000
- 1330 Saybrook Road** D. & V. Crompton to M. Kowalczyk for \$598,000
- 6803 Tiffany Common** R. & M. Ward to S. Dhaliwal for \$574,000
- 140 Tourmaline Avenue** Cartus Financial to L. & B. Firl for \$915,000
- 1544 Vancouver Way** L. Mottaz to M. & V. Guerra for \$690,000
- 1786 Vancouver Way** Schoonover Trust to R. & M. McGee for \$685,000

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- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #355** J. & J. Prellwitz to F. Lazaro for \$325,000
- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #413** L. Lashua to R. Cannon for \$300,000
- 3509 Aldwych Way** Brookfield Emory to B. Gee for \$901,000
- 603 Argyle Court** Lennar Homes to F. & C. Nieva for \$854,500
- 440 Bollinger Canyon Lane #197** Siena Hills Limited to G. Chai for \$325,000
- 6260 Byron Lane** Centex Homes to A. & D. Hieb for \$652,500
- 6262 Byron Lane** Centex Homes to L. & P. Kalakuntla for \$599,500
- 3375 Camarones Place** A. & L. Sohn to P. & P. Weisenberger for \$695,000
- 5060 Canyon Crest Drive** R. & P. Stenhouse to Y. Ji for \$1,050,000
- 114 Coral Bell Court** Shapell Industries to Parnala Trust for \$1,081,000
- 9753 Davona Drive** T. Graves to S. Warrington for \$560,000
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- 2396 Keats Lane** Centex Homes to E. & A. Fernandez for \$1,228,500
- 1065 Lakeridge Place** D. Siegel to S. Bae for \$668,000
- 32 Longhorn Court** S. Mirasole to T. Kelly for \$699,000
- 137 Lyndhurst Place** J. & C. Johnson to K. Hanna for \$1,631,000
- 2322 Maidenhair Way** Shapell Homes to M. Brown for \$750,000
- 7563 Northland Avenue** Wallace Trust to C. & R. Pringle for \$740,000
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- 118 Shadowhill Circle** S. & A. Eichten to K. Cadle for \$725,000
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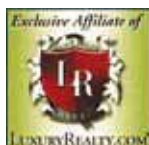
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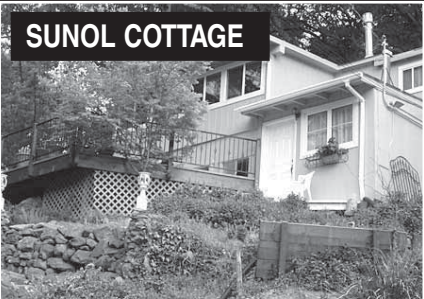


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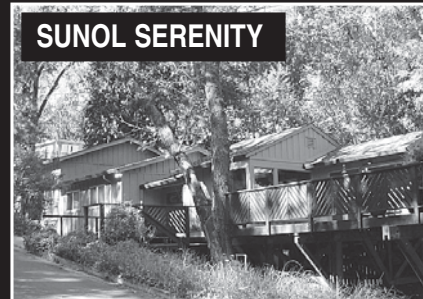


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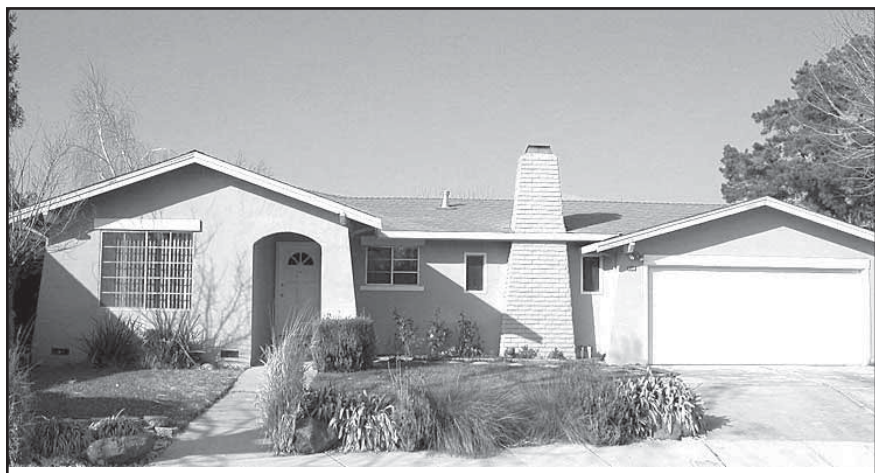
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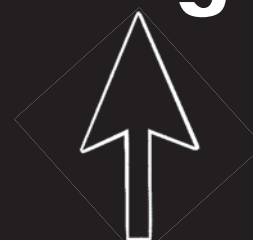


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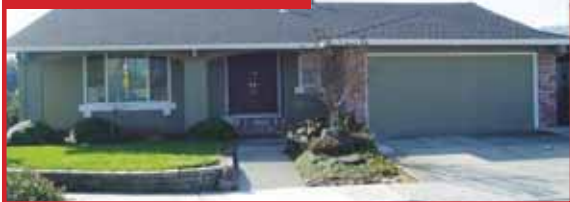
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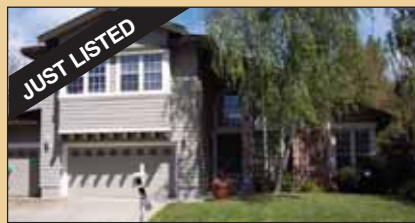
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