

Prostitutes Arrested at Lafayette Massage Parlors

By Cathy Tyson

Responding to citizen's complaints, Lafayette Police began an investigation into suspected sexual activity at two massage parlors: Body and Sole and Classic Music Massage – both on Mt. Diablo Boulevard. They found that all of the customers were men, and learned through interviews that many of the customers leaving the establishments were “gang members, convicted felons and other less than admirable characters,” said Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen in the City Manager’s Friday Summary.

Neighbors had voiced their concerns in February about activity they had observed. City officials responded by drafting an ordinance that specifically governs the operation of massage parlors, which was adopted May 29, to cut down alleged illegal activity. Prior to the new ordinance, massage parlors were loosely regulated in the personal services category.

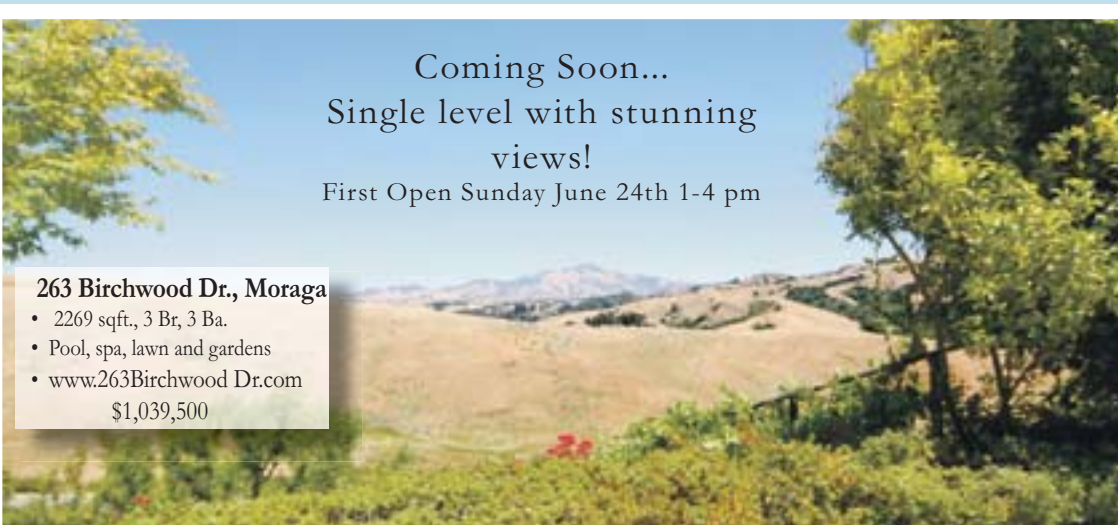
On Wednesday, June 13, detectives from the Contra Costa Sheriff’s Office and Lafayette police officers served search warrants at both locations. While the establishments may welcome

paying customers, authorities had to force entry. They found condoms, business records, money and customer lists suggesting sexual activity.

“Like a bad cliché from Miami Vice, we follow the money -- the credit card transactions, the employee payroll, the owner’s bank accounts, rent payments for the businesses, etcetera – with the goal to break the backs of these businesses and shut them down for good,” said the Chief. “Wednesday’s raids will probably not be the last we conduct.”

Three individuals were arrested: 44-year old Li Liu of San Ramon for prostitution, 25-year old Yang (Jason) Chen of Pleasant Hill for pimping and conspiracy and 41-year-old Xiao Chen of Concord for prostitution. Two other women were questioned, but released after being interviewed.

According to Sheriff’s Department spokesperson Jimmy Lee, “The investigation into allegations of prostitution at some massage parlors in Lafayette is continuing.” Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Lafayette Police Department at (925) 283-3680.



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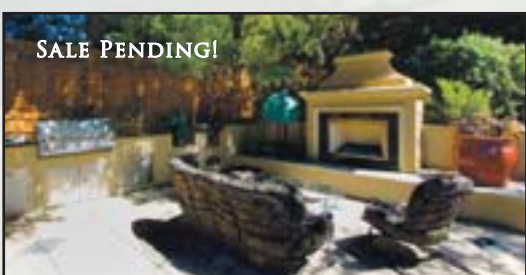
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Art Installations Coming to Downtown Projects

By Cathy Tyson

After reviewing the resumes and works of five well-known public artists, the Lafayette Public Art Committee selected Roger Berry as their first choice to design a piece for the busy corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road. A 24-unit townhouse project was approved for what will be the former site of the Hungry Hunter restaurant.

The developer of the townhome project, Signature Development Group, is required to pay for the public art to satisfy the Public Art Ordinance that is equal to one percent of a

larger project’s building valuation. At a recent meeting of the City Council, both the recommended selections for the Signature Properties project and Merrill Gardens, noted below, were unanimously approved.

After getting the lay of the land and the look of the townhouses, Berry created and presented five ideas to the Public Art Committee back in May. With unanimous approval, they went with a Corten steel sculpture called “Over Easy” and recommended the City Council approve it.

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Police to Get New Computers in Patrol Cars

By Cathy Tyson

What a difference a decade makes. Because the 10-year-old computers in police cars are way past their prime, Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen recently asked the City Council to release funds to upgrade technology for shiny, new Mobile Data Computers (MDC) that do a substantially better job of communicating with other agencies, ultimately providing better service to residents.

These productivity tools will greatly improve the effectiveness of police, allowing them to maximize

their time on the mean streets of Lafayette. Now in order to write up a report, an officer has to leave the scene of an incident and return to the station to write up what happened. “Over the past two months, I have had the opportunity to personally observe the impact of this upon the efficiency of the Police Department,” said Christensen. He estimates that officers spend roughly 30 percent of their shift yo-yoing to a call and back to the office to complete reports.

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