Helping those in need is an admirable activity, and one many Pleasanton students take on as a responsibility and passion. But helping others takes on a new dimension when in a different country, and often times, the person helping gets as much as they give out—learning about a new culture, gaining a new perspective and making friends across the globe. That’s what three students found out this summer when they took part in service projects as far away as Africa and the Caribbean.

Karen Loperena, 19, a 2004 Amador Valley High School graduate and current junior at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, spent this past summer in Uganda where she volunteered with The Rafiki Foundation, a nonprofit organization that cares for and educates orphans in 10 African countries. The organization creates “villages” with 16 homes that can accommodate up to 10 orphans each, providing home care needs and classroom education. Loperena specifically wanted to go to Uganda after seeing the film “Invisible Children,” which chronicles the lives of children abducted and forced to be soldiers for insurgent groups in the country. The organization creates “villages” with 16 homes that can accommodate up to 10 orphans each, providing home care needs and classroom education.

Loperena specifically wanted to go to Uganda after seeing the film “Invisible Children,” which chronicles the lives of children abducted and forced to be soldiers for insurgent groups in the country. Having previously heard of The Rafiki Foundation through her Bible study group, she looked into its work and signed up to volunteer at the Ugandan village for the month of July. During her time there, she worked as a teaching assistant for a class of 4-year-old students, tutored new students in English and helped out with odd jobs, anything from sorting pajamas to giving children shots. After completing work for the day, the entire village ate dinner together and the children had play time afterwards.

“I would say definitely playing with the kids after dinner every day was the highlight of the experience,” Loperena said. “It was cool that I got to, every day, read stories with them, sing with them.”

In fact, the entire experience had a profound effect on Loperena. Since returning to the United States, she decided to switch her major from liberal arts to the social sciences where she can pursue cross-cultural studies, a decision, she said, that is a direct result of the experience she had this summer.

“I think it has changed my global view more than anything else,” she said. “I learned you have to experience other cultures for yourself before making judgments on that culture, which is something I’m glad to learn.”

Amador grads are not the only ones giving their summer to international service projects. Current Amador students Amanda Perceval, 17, and Kyle Escobar, 15, traveled to the Dominican Republic with nonprofit Building Homes Building Hope for two weeks in July where they built two homes for local residents and added a kitchen to one already standing home. The two, who met on the trip, were part of a group of 35 teens and eight adults, one of whom is Escobar’s father, John.

Most days, the volunteers would help at the work sites by mixing concrete, moving cinderblocks and putting up walls, aiding the contractors leading the construction any way they could. The homes went to families that were overcrowded in their current residences or who had lost their home to fire or flood. Escobar said the highlight of the trip was seeing how appreciative the families were for their new homes.

“It was really eye-opening because of how different it is from here, but how everyone is still really happy,” Escobar said.

Perceval said she enjoyed getting to know the culture by living with a Dominican family for the two weeks, even though the language barrier was hard at times.

“What interested me most was getting to live with the people and stay in a house with a family in the town,” Perceval said. “You’re just thrown into it when you get there.”

This was the first time Perceval and Escobar had done an international service project, and both said the experience changed their perspective.
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perspective.
“They are really friendly,” Perceval said. “The people are real-
ly amazing there, and they work really hard for the little they have...
It changed me a lot, just coming back to America. There, when you pass
people on the street people say ‘hi’ to you, but here people pass
each other without speaking.”

This cross-cultural connection is
one of the main goals of Building
Homes Building Hope. The
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Roughing it on the rugby field
Locals bring tough sport to Pleasanton
by Rebecca Guyon

There’s no denying it—rugby’s a rough sport. While, in many ways it is similar to American football with players running across a field to score goals and defensive players making tackles, the main difference is rugby players don’t wear helmets, pads or any protection at all. But that doesn’t stop a dedicated group of about 16 Pleasanton men from going out to Sports Park for regular rugby games. If anything, it spurs them on.

“My first game was great—I walked away with 12 stitches,” said rugby player Ken Burnthorn without a hint of sarcasm in his voice. “I was hooked at that point.”

Burnthorn had never played rugby before joining the pick-up games, which were started last year by Pleasanton resident Kevin Miller. Miller played rugby in college and missed playing the game, so he got a group together and now they regularly play Thursday evenings during the spring and summer months and every other Sunday morning during the winter.

“I like it because it’s physical, but it’s also non-stop,” Miller said. “It’s a true combination of hockey, basketball, wrestling and soccer with counter attacks and strategic play.”

Rugby teams are usually made up of either 13 or 15 players that run across the field with an oval ball in an attempt to touch the ball on the other team’s side, scoring a goal. A goal can also be made by kicking the ball over two upright goal posts. And, of course, the other team can stop goals by tackling opposing players.

The Pleasanton games attract a wide variety of players, ages 17-50, novice and experienced. In an effort to keep the games fair, the players will divide into two teams making sure there is an even distribution of skill, speed and size, Miller said. Because the men really just meet for pick-up games, they don’t practice outside of their regular meetings, but Miller said most leagues will practice twice a week with games on the weekends. In fact, Miller is hoping that someone will be inspired to make the pick-up games a more formalized league in the future, although he admits he doesn’t have the time to do it right now.

One player who is used to organizing, but perhaps also too busy to take up this project, is Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho who joins in on the pick-up games. Fialho started playing rugby two years ago.

“We have all skill levels from people who are new to the game to people who have played professionally overseas and on the East Coast,” Fialho said. “It’s a great sport and a great release of energy.”

Burnthorn has enjoyed this past year of rugby so much that he decided to try out for some competitive teams in the Bay Area. Since he works in San Jose, he’s played a few games with the San Jose Seahawks in their pre-season and is planning on trying out to play with the Diablo Gaels in Walnut Creek.

“I just really love the game,” Burnthorn said. “The camaraderie is like no other sport. It’s really a team. American football is going in the way of every player for themselves, but rugby is no way like that.”

Miller echoed this sentiment, saying his favorite part of the weekly pick-up games is the social aspect.

“We usually go to a local brewery every after games with everyone’s families,” Miller said. “It’s a family event.”

By Rebecca Guyon

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The Proposition
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“We veneer civilization by doing unkind things in a kind way.”
—George Bernard Shaw

It is in the dusty, tormented landscape of the Australian outback that the dictates of “civilization” seem to reveal uglier truths in director John Hillcoat’s “The Proposition,” one of the most violent and challenging films of this year. The writer is the artist/singer Nick Cave whose resume includes a long list of songs about emotional frailty and suffering which, sung in his music hall baritone, reminds me of Tom Waits without the good times. The movie itself falls into a parable—more myth than reality—about men trying to cope with the maddening notion that they cannot tame a place that they can barely wrap their arms around. And, when it is the eternal horizon of Australia, only the sky offers scant covering for their deepest fears.

The movie begins with violence and ends with much more of the same. It is the late 19th century and, at first glance, it could be a scene from our own violent Old West past. Two brothers are apprehended in a bordello shootout: one is Charlie Burns (Guy Pearce) and the other is his teenage brother Mikey (Richard Wilson). Both are strays from the infamous Burns family gang who have rampaged through the outback, looting and eventually murdering a family in cold blood. It is the good-hearted but misguided Captain Burns (Ray Winstone), the local constable, who wants to catch the rest of the family in a twofold symbolic effort to punish the wicked and “civilize” the land.

Burns quickly makes a deal with elder-brother Charlie: if he goes out and captures or kills the rest of his family, he is free to go, but younger-brother Mikey will stay behind as collateral. Charlie sets out into the desert, rifle in one hand and whiskey in another, and his strange odyssey begins. Meanwhile, Burns and his wife Martha (the very lovely Emily Watson) try to keep a life of casual domesticity in a rough town where connections to civilization seem to be slowly fading. Tension becomes almost intolerable, however, when it is learned that Mikey Burns is being held in the jail and Charlie has been set free. The townspeople clamor for “justice” and, in one of the film’s most harrowing scenes, it is served.

“The Proposition” is a film that is not for the faint because of its very brutal nature, but never celebratory of the violence it depicts. Consistent with author Nick Cave’s melodies, it depicts in gothic fashion the most impassioned and heinous actions by some of the most repressed and proper people that it sometimes reminded me of Mel Gibson’s “Passion of the Christ.” That movie, however, was a carnival of carnage veiled behind the facade of faith; “The Proposition,” however, never loses its sense of irony (sans any type of self-consciousness). The writer and director know these colonists were hard people who committed shocking crimes against the indigenous people and each other, and those who had the bigger arsenal created the laws. The truth, however, is only apparent when one is alone, with the sky staring down at you.

—Joe Ramirez
Amador girls water polo takes third in Western States tournament

by Michael Miller

The Lady Dons attended the Western States Water Polo tournament last weekend and took third place in the Varsity B bracket, losing only to eventual champion St. Ignatius of San Francisco. The Amador squad won four of their five games in dominating fashion and held their own against the St. Ignatius squad, who were originally placed in the Varsity A bracket, but were moved to the Varsity B bracket due to a scheduling conflict.

Amador opened the tournament with a big win over Oakdale 12-1. The first game was highlighted by the standout goal tending of Alex Davis and Caitlin Desmet.

In their second game, Amador faced a very physical Kingsburg ninth in state. After an even first half, the Lady Dons took control in the second half to finish with a 10-6 win. Marina Allen led the team offensively with five goals. Allie Glogovich added two more. Heidi Reddig, who had three steals, spearheaded the defense. The wins over Oakdale and Kingsburg placed Amador in first place in their bracket.

On day two AVHS met another bracket winner in Atwater High. The Dons dominated from the start and finished with a 16-2 victory. Jenn Docto had six goals and Nicole Pihal added to lead the offense.

Amador then played St. Ignatius for the right to go to the championship game. It was a battle from the start. Both teams tried to impose their will on the other but the difference maker was the St. Ignatius goalie who made several highlight reel saves to preserve the 10-5 win.

In the third-place game, Amador faced Sandy High from Oregon. The girls were determined to finish strong and jumped on top early in the first half. The Amador defense did not allow the Sandy High offensive space to breathe. The potent Amador attack was led by four goals from Allen who led the team to a 12-2 win and third place in the tournament.

Footnote: football climbs to ninth in state

After a harder than expected 31-6 win over last place Livermore High, the Falcons varsity football team climbed to No. 9 in the California high school football rankings as measured by maxpreps.com.

Despite the wild homecoming game crowd at Livermore High School that spurred the Cowboy offense, the Falcons scored the first touchdown of the game late in the first quarter after a muffed punt gave the Falcons the ball on the Cowboy’s side of midfield. A two-yard TD run by Rob Andrews capped off the short field drive. After the kickoff the Falcon defense held firm forming the Cowboy offense to a three and out. The offense then struck quickly on a 65-yard pass from senior quarterback Josh Mendonca to receiver Jordan Johnson up the sideline.

After allowing a Cowboy touchdown drive, Foothill ended the half with a 32-yard field goal from Adam Miles to make the score 17-7 at halftime.

The Falcons took control of the game in the second half not allowing Livermore to taste the end zone. The offense took the opening kick right down the field and scored on a second TD reception, this time from 15 yards out, by Johnson to make the score 24-7. Senior running back Stephen Yoshida finished the scoring with a 2-yard run later in the third quarter.

The defense showed why opponents average less than eight points per game. Jeff Randall and Eric Roesser combined for a key QB sack in the fourth quarter to preserve the second half shutout.

BUSC U17 Black win division

The BUSC U17 Black sewed up first place in their division with a 3-2 victory over the Patterson Palmetras. Joey Halim and Tim Gaisor teamed up to score the first goal five minutes into the contest. Halim made one of his patented runs down the right side, and once the defense committed to him he sent a pinpoint cross to Gaisor who put the ball in the back of the net for the goal. Patterson answered late in the first half for a 1-1 halftime score.

In the second half, Brent Cambra, who had a strong game at sweeper, lofted a ball from midfield into the penalty box. In the ensuing scramble, Halim won the battle for the loose ball and blasted the ball past the Patterson keeper to give BUSC a 2-1 lead. After Patterson answered to tie the score, Willie Berger scored on a header off a rebound from a shot by Matt Carlucci for the final goal and the win. Trevor Dawson and Jay Guilmart led the BUSC defense keeping the Patterson team from mounting any sustained pressure for most of the game.

BUSC U16 lead league

The Pleasanton Ballistic United U16 squad maintained their league lead with a 4-0 win over the Union City United club last weekend. Kasey Uwakwe started the day with a breakaway score off a pass from Matt Donner. Less than 10 minutes later, Sam Clark put a head on the ball from a set kick by Shane Schneuwlyd for the second goal. In the second half KJ Newbery went right, dribbled past two defenders and the goalie to place the ball in the left corner for a 3-0 lead. The last goal came from Donner after he corralled a loose ball and shot it past the keeper from 10 yards out.

Phantom takes second in Hayward Fall Ball Qualifier

The Pleasanton Phantom 12 & Under girls fast pitch team placed second in the NSA Fall Ball Qualifier in Hayward October 21-22 falling to the San Ramon Stompers 7-5 in the Championship Game.

In the Championship game, Phantom scored in the first inning on a base hit bunt from Krista Williams and an RBI single from Mannon. The San Ramon team came back in the bottom of the first with four runs. A slap hit from Williams started a Phantom three-run rally in the third inning.

The Phantom 12 & Under team’s next tournament is the Halloween Tournament Oct. 28-29 at Rainbow Fields. Their record is 12-4-1 this fall.

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League 2007 season registration

Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be made online or mail-in. See the PGSL Web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

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Peter Anthony Banducci died Sept. 28 at the age of 45. Mr. Banducci graduated from Mission San Jose High School in 1979 and majored in business at Ohlone College. He went on to study many automotive courses and became an ASC-certified Master Technician. In 1986, he independently opened Pete’s Foreign Auto Repair in Fremont, which continues to thrive, thanks to his wife Pamela and Roger deRocha, a loyal friend and mechanic.

Banducci met his wife at Ohlone; they were married in 1987 and had two children, Alyssa and Samuel. Family meant everything to him, and some of his most enjoyable times were spent with them on the family boat, celebrating birthdays and holidays and watching Little League baseball at Niles-Centerville. In addition to being a Giants and A’s fan, Banducci enjoyed music, especially Michael McDonald and Chris Isaak. He valued honesty, family, friends and the Lord. Those who knew him say that sickness didn’t destroy his mind and spirit, his love for the Lord or his concern for others.

He is survived by his wife Pamela; children Alyssa and Samuel; his mother, Marian; his siblings and their spouses, Monica and Mitch Radosky of Poulsbo, Wash.; Angela and Randy Ochs, and Chris and Kelly Banducci of Pleasanton; John and Michelle Banducci of St. Louis, Mo.; Paul and Sally Banducci of Sacramento; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, John, and father-in-law Louis Harpel.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 28 at Corpus Christi Church in Fremont, 37891 2nd St. in the Niles area. Donations are preferred to ALS/MDA Forbes Norris Research Center, 2324 Sacramento St., Ste. 150, San Francisco CA 94115.

Betty Mae Leach died Oct. 15 in Pleasanton at the age of 66. Born in Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Leach grew up in Modesto and later moved to the Bay Area. Leach was devoted to her family and warmed them with her vibrant personality, hysterical laugh, endless energy and willingness to always help anyone in need. She loved her newly-renovated home and was active and always on the go. She was a Reno-junkie, and loved to spend time playing the slots. She also loved trips to the ocean, shopping and time with her family. Her ability to face her fears with laughter was greatly admired. Her remarkable personality, presence and character will live on in each person whose lives where touched by her.

Leach is survived by her mom, Verda, and brother Larry George, both of Modesto; longtime partner Drew Hughes; daughters Traci Cammarata of Tracy and Tamra Leach of Pleasanton; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends gathered for a memorial service on Oct. 23 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary.
**Home Sales**

This week’s data represents homes sold during September 2006.

**Pleasanton**

- 5105 Angelico Court S. Lee to P. Matrines for $705,000
- 3705 Ashwood Drive S. Strachan to J. Harmon for $850,000
- 757 Avio Court Dougery Trust to G. Fairbanks for $1,850,000

**Livermore**

- 5674 Castlewood Court J. & M. Madavane to D. & S. Dana for $1,575,000
- 3350 Morgan Court H. Pecorari to J. & A. Goldhammer for $850,000
- 5163 Muirwood Drive G. & J. Singh to P. Mohar for $1,000,000

**Dublin**

- 3955 Branding Iron Court M. & S. Mahal to E. Chapman for $1,194,000
- 6424 Forget Me Not Boulevard $382,500

**Castledown Road**

- 41 Castledown Road Trust to I. Han for $690,000
- 2508 Via Espada $410,000

**Meritage**

- 5042 Porta Rossa Circle A. Shapiro to L. Hildebrand for $629,000
- 434 Rose Avenue Red Bear Inc. to French Trust for $710,000

**Ponderosa Homes**

- 11698 Serra Court F. & B. Negrete for $483,000
- 3350 Morgan Court H. Pecorari to J. & A. Goldhammer for $850,000

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**‘Home staging’ proving crucial to sway buyers**

by Jeb Bing

When it comes to selling your house in today’s increasingly competitive home market, the old real estate adage “location, location, location” is taking on new meaning. Staging, the optimal location of the furniture and items in the seller’s home, usually makes a difference between sale or no sale. Home staging experts say there are ways to succeed while other home sellers are struggling. “Edit, reduce clutter, and rearrange existing furniture,” said Dana Dickey, vice director of Interior Redesign Industry Specialists (IRIS), the premier organization for professional interior redesigners and home stagers. “Staging, the process of preparing and cleaning a home to make it more marketable to potential homebuyers, is something that has gained national popularity in recent years,” Dickey said. “It’s a fairly simple process. It’s also cost-effective. Homeowners I work with are amazed at how the look of their home can dramatically improve with staging services to meet the needs of individual homeowners based on the homeowner’s budget and desired level of assistance. Some homebuyers have no problem with organization, for example, yet need assistance with the exterior of their home, to create more curb appeal. Others seek professional assistance for re-organization of furniture and decorating.”

“Whatever the task, the goal remains the same,” she explained. “We want to give each home that ‘wow’ factor. Especially in today’s housing market, in which homebuyers largely make their final decision based on emotional factors, it’s important that a house make a good first impression.”

In addition to the increased speed at which a home sells, staging can also help homebuyers boost their asking price. Many professionals focus their attention on two rooms in particular: the kitchen and the bathroom. Due to the high level of traffic through both rooms, each tends to collect clutter and becomes a source of hidden messes. “It’s not that people don’t want to pick up,” Dickey said. “It becomes a situation where the homeowner just naturally looks past something without even noticing it.”

She explained that professionals act as objective observers, seeing decorating possibilities and unwanted clutter that a home owner might not otherwise see. Some Realtors say that the recent national popularity in staging services seems to have sprung from the popularity of television shows such as HGTV’s “Designed to Sell,” A&E’s “Sell this House,” and TLC’s “Clean Sweep.” While Dickey acknowledges the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces, she is reluctant to compare it to the competition that her business faces. “It can be brutal,” she said. “That’s why due to the high level of traffic through both rooms, each tends to collect clutter and becomes a source of hidden messes. Homeowners boost their asking price. Many professionals focus their attention on two rooms in particular: the kitchen and the bathroom. Due to the high level of traffic through both rooms, each tends to collect clutter and becomes a source of hidden messes.

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Dickey said that for more information and tips on home staging, Realtors and their clients can find answers on her organization’s Web site at http://WeRedesign.com.

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Castro Valley - DOLL HOUSE! Charming home complete with custom playhouse in the backyard! LARGEST lot! Formal Dining Room, new roof with spacious floor-plan with tile and hardwood flooring. Neutral upgraded carpet, designer paint colors and much more. 6111 Fieldstone Drive $650,000.00

Livermore - You must see this better than new Pulte home. Large landscaped yard with mature plants and a lot of privacy. Open and spacious floor-plan with tile and hardwood flooring. Neutral upgraded carpet, designer paint colors and much more. 6927 Bear Creek Drive $729,900.00

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Pleasanton – This CUSTOM Home in Ruby Hill - DOLL HOUSE! Charming home complete with custom playhouse for the kids, including a Courtyard Area - Porte Cochere. The outdoor area features a pool, spa, BBQ, fireplace and more. 3622 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley $2,199,000.00

Pleasanton - Spectacular “Italian Style” custom home in Ruby Hill. Located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, backing to private open space. Upgrades galore including granite countertops, extensive wood molding, and custom paint. This beauty offers 4 bedrooms plus a bonus room, an office and wine cellar. Beautiful pool & grand outdoor fireplace. 3522 Meranto Court $2,649,000.00

Pleasanton - Wow, the best lots in Ruby Hill. Golf Course location with a private setting, full mountain views, and perfect sun orientation. Features a front courtyard, rear yard with BBQ and Fridge, 5 bedrooms, formal office, and a huge bonus room for billiards and a card table. 1297 Via di Salerno $2,795,000.00

Pleasanton – A Classic Custom-Built “Italian Villa” in the Gated Community of Ruby Hill. Located on a Premium Lot Backing Open Space, with Spectacular Views. This Home Features 5,725 Square Feet of Living Space, 5 Bedrooms, 4½ Baths, a 3 Car Garage and a 23,887 Square Foot Lot. View this home at www.1799Germano.com. 1799 Germano Way $3,200,000.00

Pleasanton – JUST REDUCED! Single story home in a quiet court. This wonderful home offers new mahogany floors, new carpets, custom interior paint, new roof, new landscaping, new air conditioning and furnace, dual pane windows, French doors and a newly remodeled master bath! The stunning yard features a gated pool and waterfall, and a tiered flagstone patio. 596 Tannen Court $790,000.00

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2126 Delucchi Drive, Pleasanton

$589,000

Spacious 2 bd/2.5ba home with over 1200 sq. ft. of living space. Laminate flooring, updated baths, beautiful arch tinted windows, vaulted ceilings. Wonderful backyard with spa, gazebo and deck. Great location! www.2126delucchi.com

257 Soapstone Common, Livermore

$700,000

Elegant 4bd/2.5ba home in quiet, family-friendly court location. Meticulously maintained with lovely upgrades throughout, make this home better than new! Fabulous backyard with stone patio and newer, energy-efficient hot tub. www.257soapstone.com

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Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome located in 5 Canyons! This wonderful townhome has approximately 1200 +/- square feet of living space and includes a large kitchen, new flooring downstairs, a wonderful computer niche, decorator touches throughout and an attached garage. This property backs to the creek and has no rear yard neighbors. Enjoy amenities including a community swimming pool, tennis courts and much more!

**5277 Springdale, Dublin**
Offered at $599,000

Gorgeous Stoneridge Townhome! Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome upgraded and remodeled to perfection! Hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen with granite counters, new bathrooms, new carpeting on second floor, and new doors. Enjoy a private patio/backyard and wonderful amenities including a 2 car attached garage, swimming pool, tennis courts, park like grounds, and much, much more! Sellers are very, very motivated!

**Comming Soon**

Another Bridle Creek Beauty

Absolutely Gorgeous Single Level Home Coming Soon! This 5 Bedroom, 4 Full Bath Home has it all. Beautiful hardwood, travertine and upgraded carpeting throughout, gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, bathrooms with upgrades galore, and decorator touches throughout. This wonderful Bridle Creek home has a view of the Pleasanton Ridge and is located on .25 +/- acre with spectacular landscaping, a covered patio. Please call me for more information.

**Coming Soon**

656 Varese Court, Pleasanton

Offered at $2,210,000

Beautiful Custom home in Ruby Hill with 6 bedrooms, formal office, 4 full and 2 half bathrooms located on the 4th fairway on .40 +/- acre. One large bedroom located downstairs perfect for in-laws, au-pair, or bonus room. Approximately 4912 +/- square feet, gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, large family room, an office or computer room located off the family room, large 3 car side loading garage. This home has all the bells and whistles including many built-in cabinets, hardwood flooring, marble tile flooring, a home cinema system, an intercom, central vacuum and a laundry chute.

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