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Save Mount Diablo

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The “Eye of Diablo” and the Standard Diablo Tower

Each year Save Mount Diablo holds its July Board Meeting somewhere in the State Park. This year’s location was at Diablo’s peak, on the upper deck of the Summit Building, underneath the beacon. It’s the site of one of the most extraordinary views in the world.

One announcement made at the meeting was that ChevronTexaco had agreed to again sponsor SMD’s *Moonlight on the Mountain* anniversary event as well as the enclosed *Autumn on Diablo* hike schedule. SMD and Chevron began working together in 1997 when their communication tower on North Peak came up for renewal; instead the company removed the tower in December 1998 and restored the site.

By chance, Cris Benton, a U.C. Berkeley professor was on the summit practicing an unusual hobby, aerial photography with a camera suspended from a kite.

He was drawn to the peak’s view, the building and its beacon, which is lit just once a year on December 7th to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day. What very few know is that the beacon is called the “Eye of Diablo.” It predates the Summit building’s construction by more than a decade and crowned the “Standard Diablo” tower erected in 1928 by Standard Oil Company of California...now known as ChevronTexaco.

In the early 20th century, gasoline was a new product. Oil had been used as a lubricant and for kerosene and was just beginning to compete with coal as fuel.

Though oil use would bring its own challenges, it also helped limit wood cutting. Petroleum companies promoted uses that would create demand for their product, including the automobile and tourist

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Intelligent Tinkering East County Habitat Plan Comes Together

Bay Area newspapers feature articles every day about endangered species. It seems overblown, but there are good reasons for the coverage. California is isolated by high mountains and desert, and its range of topography and climate have resulted in unusual localized habitats in which a tremendous diversity of species has evolved—the Mt. Diablo manzanita, globe lily and Diablo sunflower all live within a ten by fifteen mile area, for example. Meanwhile, human impacts have accelerated with intense population pressures since the 1849 Gold Rush.

Three years ago the most comprehensive accounting of rare species in the U.S. was published, *Precious Heritage: the Status of Biodiversity in the United States*. What it showed was dramatic. California is in the top five hot spots for numbers of rare species (Hawaii is #1), the Bay Area has the biggest concentration in California, and eastern Contra Costa is one of the most important places in the Bay Area for threatened species.

So what? Why are rare species important; extinction has been going on for millions of years? According to an American Museum of Natural History survey of 400 scientists, a majority believe the world is in the midst of the fastest mass extinction in the planet’s 4.5 billion-year history, largely from human causes. Previous mass extinctions took hundreds of thousands or millions of years; this one is taking hundreds of years.

They rated loss of biodiversity as more serious than depletion of the ozone layer, global warming or pollution. Seventy percent believe that during the next 30 years as many as one-fifth of all species will become extinct and a third of the respondents, that half the species

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SMD holds a Board Meeting on the mountain each year, this July at the Summit Museum. Crowned by the “Eye of Diablo” relocated from the old SD tower, the peak has a mythic view and supports a wide range of rare species, some found nowhere else. Photo by Cris Benton - Kite Aerial Photography.

***Thanks to Governor Davis and our legislators:
Diablo to receive \$3.4 million (see next page)***

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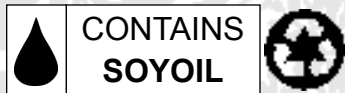
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Founded in 1971, Save Mount Diablo has been instrumental in increasing open space on and around the mountain from 6,788 acres to more than 83,000 acres.

Masthead Panorama
by Stephen Joseph



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From The Executive Director . . .

**Thanks to Governor Davis and our legislators:
\$3.4 million pledged for Diablo**

The news is full of negative stories about the recession and the state's budget crisis. Good news doesn't play as well. Before the economic downturn, California voters approved the two largest resources bond acts in history, almost \$4 billion. We've asked you to write to legislators to get Diablo's fair share. Well, our efforts have paid off!!!

The Dept. of Parks and Recreation is one of our biggest allies. They came through for us in the State budget that was approved in early August and signed by Governor Gray Davis. The DPR was able to program \$3 million for Mt. Diablo State Park acquisition projects (in spite of the recent budget cuts).

In July, Save Mount Diablo dedicated and transferred its 427-acre Silva Ranch property to the State Park. Half of the \$1 million sale price came from the Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, half from state bonds. We repaid a \$400,000 Coastal Conservancy grant and the Conservancy has pledged that money will also be available for our next project. We sincerely thank our elected representatives, Senator Tom Torlakson and Assemblyman Joe Canciamilla, who were sponsors of the bonds, and Representatives Ellen Tauscher and George Miller, who made the Land & Water Fund monies available.

So, we must have all the money we need, right? NO WAY!!! Though this is great news, SMD is negotiating for eight properties valued at over \$10 million. After we sign a deal it can take a year or more to complete state applications for these funds and some of them require us to have matching funds. Our ability to negotiate requires that we have funds in hand until the state can act. In addition, expenses for appraisals, down payments, staff time and general operating costs need to be raised in order to support our acquisitions. So, continued contributions from donors and groups like the student club below are critical in helping to support our land preservation efforts.

Students Go Green For Mount Diablo

This winter, students in the California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF) placed containers in each home room class at Foothill Middle School in Walnut Creek. For a week prior to St. Patrick's Day, students were encouraged to donate spare change. In keeping with the St. Patrick's Day theme, CJSF chose to donate the money to SMD. On March 31st, I accepted a check for \$418 from club president Tiffany Hsu and showed a slide presentation of SMD's land preservation activities. *(Photo by Julie Farabee)*

CJSF is a statewide organization open to 7th and 8th graders with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Their motto is, "Scholarship for Service." Paula Deems, Foothill Spanish teacher serves as faculty advisor. The club holds a variety of activities, including an adopt-a-family program that provides holiday gifts for needy families.



So, you can see that every contribution makes a difference, whether large or small. Please consider ways that you can help! Make SMD part of your estate planning or volunteer to organize a fundraising event. Together we'll get the job done.

Thanks for always being there.

Ron Brown

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Claudia Hein, SMD's Recording Secretary, on the Paradise Valley Trail. (Scott Hein)

Into Paradise Valley

By Seth Adams, Director of Land Programs

Lime Ridge Open Space

Trailhead: Montecito Staging Area

SW corner, Ygnacio & Cowell Rd.

Map: W. Creek Open Space Map (web)

Short Loop: Ohlone Trail, L to Paradise Cyn., R on Blue Oak, R on Buckeye, R on Ohlone

Longer Loop: Ohlone Trail, left to Paradise Canyon, right on Lime Ridge, right on Buckeye, right on Ohlone

Distance: 3 miles, or 4.5 miles, round trip

Elev. Chnge: 310-610' elevation gain & loss

Difficulty: Moderate rise in short loop, more steep sections in the longer loop

Best Time To Go: Any time.

Notes: No water; No dogs (rare wildlife)

Open space can restore your spirit in an hour. On this walk you reach Paradise in half that. This new hike is made for sunset views; if you live nearby it will become a favorite. Montecito Staging Area and an addition to Lime Ridge Open Space were dedicated on Oct. 12, 2002, a condition of neighboring development. A year later the trailhead is a little stark. Don't be fooled; it's the gateway to beautiful loop hikes, varied habitat, interesting history, and incredible views in under five minutes.

Lime was discovered locally in 1850 and quarrying provided jobs during economic downturns. The trailhead was part of the "Old Sand Quarry", a leftover piece of the Henry Cowell Lime and Cement Co. which moved to Lime Ridge in 1909 and closed in 1946. Cowell included a town, employed 250, and ran 24 hours a day. All that's visible today are quarry scars, a few artifacts and the 235' "smokestack" dust spreader across Ygnacio. John L. Garaventa's family and other farmers had experienced problems from the dust.

Garaventa became an attorney and in 1935 won a lawsuit against Cowell; the stack spread the lime over a wider area as part of the settlement.

Follow Ohlone Trail up from the west end of the staging area, curve left onto Paradise Valley Tr., leaving Ygnacio and traffic noise behind.

You'll follow a small spined ridge

preserved by SMD, punctuated with lime out-croppings and poison oak. Crowded with cottonwoods, valley, blue and live oaks, it's almost the only natural part of this beginning. Most of the hills and swales were left by the quarrying, including white lime dust and rocks at your feet. Behind, the Kirker Hills on the northeast stretch to expanding views of Suisun Bay and Solano County and, further west, Central Contra Costa and Briones. In Spring, wildflowers crowd the trail.

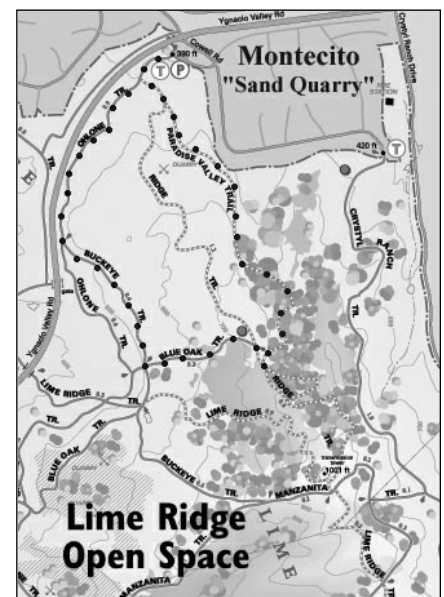
Soon the Montecito houses come into view. In 1990 they were proposed for the ridge above you with more houses and a shopping center in the quarry scar below. Herb Sihner, a founding partner of developer Braddock & Logan, reached a compromise with SMD in 1997, pulling the houses off the ridge, eliminating the shopping center, and preserving half of the property. Birds love the trees and you'll hear mourning doves cooing in the evening. As you pass above a detention basin, a new single track trail, veers right and rises into the heavily wooded canyon. The slope is crowded with native bunchgrasses.

Woodland closes around you. Imagine Spring: fragrant buckeyes blooming cream, flowers under the trees. A red-tailed hawk takes flight, its call a descending "kreeee-ee." You rise into the first part of Paradise Valley, low ridges framing the sky. If it's late the eastern slope may be rose- or amber-tinted by the setting sun. The forest belies the Open Space's image of exposed grassland and dry chaparral and the lime colored clays give way to sand. But chaparral isn't far: three-leaved Hop tree shows up, less allergenic than the poison oak it resembles, with smooth leaf edges.

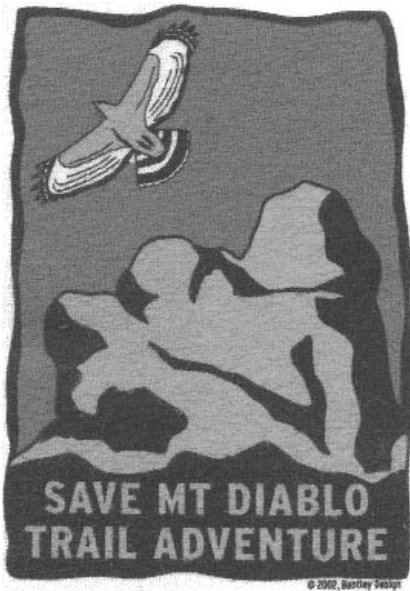
Partway through the woodland you can

continue up into Paradise Valley proper for a longer loop and bigger views, back via a right turn on the Lime Ridge Tr. (more chaparral), or right on Manzanita and Buckeye, in both cases looping around the transmission tower at the crest of Lime Ridge at 1001'. For the shorter trip, take the first right onto the Blue Oak Tr. and quickly cross Lime Ridge and the Ridge Tr., an old water tank above, expansive views beyond Walnut Creek to the Oakland hills. Blue Oak Tr. is at the north edge of a large patch of west-facing chaparral slope and on hot days you'll walk with milkweed, bright Indian paintbrush and the spicy smells of black sage (with its stems of flower balls or seed heads), chamise, yerba santa, and sagebrush as their oils volatalize. The oiled leaves slow water loss on hot, exposed slopes. Below you will be the grassy bowls of Newhall N & S on either side of Ygnacio, their names referring to an old farm company, stopped from development in the mid 1990s by Walnut Creek residents.

As you drop into open grassland, traffic noise returns but meadowlarks add pleasing notes. Oaks are scattered on the hills, dense cover in the ravines, and the occasional tubex tube with young oaks sticking out. They're part of a subtle restoration by the Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation. Loop right onto Buckeye Tr., Lime Ridge descending north, curve right onto Ohlone Tr. and past the Paradise Valley Tr.. Look around—the grassy bowls to the left and the ridge to the right were proposed for houses. A gentle rise back over the ridge which has dropped to meet you, more views, a short walk and you'll be back where you started.



Print this map from the Walnut Creek web site



Get Dirty on Diablo - Sunday, November. 2

Half Marathon, 10 K Run or 10 K Speed Hike, 10 K Interpretive Hike

Starting from Castle Rock Recreation Area in Walnut Creek, hike and run courses travel through Diablo Foothills Regional Park, to spectacular Castle Rock, up the slopes of Mount Diablo's Pine Ridge, and then back to the starting line through Pine Canyon.

Throughout the morning you will enjoy live musical entertainment provided by Grab Bag, an eclectic band. A Community Expo will include booths from a number of community organizations, various recreational clubs, and a number of active recreational and equipment vendors.

Festivities begin at 8:00 am and all of the races begin at 9:00 am. A bar-b-que lunch will be available along with activities for children.

Fees for timed races: \$30 per person (includes registration, t-shirt and lunch)
Community Expo: Free

Save Mount Diablo Trail Adventure information and registration:
call the SMD office at 925-947-3535 or stop by *Forward Motion Sports* or *Outside Interests*, two of our event sponsors, at 422 and 432 Hartz Avenue in Danville.

Proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo programs. Event Sponsors: Forward Motion Sports, Outside Interests, New Balance, RBC Mortgage of California, Diablo Roadrunners.

Leave A Legacy For the Mountain

Did you know that seventy percent of Americans make gifts to charities each year, yet only eight percent make provisions for charitable gifts from their estates.

There are a variety of ways in which you can include Save Mount Diablo in your estate planning. Current and planned giving - modest or ambitious - can take full advantage of a wide range of personal and estate tax incentives. Whether your goal is to reduce your tax burden or to generate income, Save Mount Diablo and our professional financial consultants can help you create an individual philanthropic plan that reflects your personal values and priorities.

There are many ways of giving, each with its own financial benefits, and each with its own rewards. Carefully planned philanthropic investments can supplement income and preserve assets for you and your heirs, while reducing your family's capital gains, personal income tax and gift and estate tax.

Future issues of *Diablo Watch* will outline various types of planned gifts. This issue will discuss bequests.

Bequests are the most common type of planned gift. They may be made in any amount and they will reduce your estate tax. There are several different types of bequests you may consider:

- A *specific bequest* is when you leave a specified dollar amount to SMD; or you may designate that SMD receive a specific asset or assets - such as stock, bonds, or a life insurance policy.
- A *percentage bequest* can assign a specific percentage of your estates value to SMD.
- A *residual bequest* will give SMD all or a portion of your estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid
- A *contingent bequest* is used in the event that your named beneficiary either predeceases you or disclaims the property when the estate settles. SMD can be named solely as a contingent beneficiary or in addition to other provisions specifying it as a specific or percentage beneficiary.

If you are considering a bequest to SMD, we would be happy to provide you with sample bequest language.

Join SMD's E-Mail Distribution List

By signing up for Save Mount Diablo's email distribution list we will be able to send you our monthly "action alerts" about current land use issues, notices of events and activities and images of landscapes that we are working to preserve.

To join the Save Mount Diablo email distribution list, send an email to:
<smd-request@savemountdiablo.org>
In the message box type the word "subscribe" (without the quotation marks).

Members may not post messages directly to other members of the list, but they can send messages or information to staff at Save Mount Diablo. We will review the message and pass on important information to the entire list. Messages can be sent to:

<smd@savemountdiablo.org>.

Visit Our Web Site: www.savemountdiablo.org

Beautiful images of the mountain . . . history of SMD and its acquisitions . . . information about our current land use planning efforts & acquisition projects . . . read articles from past newsletters.

Our web site was created by and is regularly updated by SMD co-founder Art Bonwell. Art changes the web site frequently and encourages site visitors to share their own Diablo images for posting on our site.

The **Wild Bird Center**, in Newell Plaza in Walnut Creek, hosts SMD's web site. Thanks to Joanie & Chris Smith. Chris also provides SMD with the technical support Art needs in maintaining the web site.

United Way Donor Option

You can designate Save Mount Diablo as the recipient of your United Way Pledge. When you are asked to make your annual workplace donation, please consider designating it to us. Our tax ID number is 94-2681735.

Business Contributions

Many companies will match your charitable contributions to Save Mount Diablo. Ask your employer if they have a matching gift program.

Also let us know if your employer has a foundation or corporate donation program to which we can apply.



The Standard Diablo tower depicted at Diablo's peak. The March 1928 Bulletin, for the first time questioned the claim that Diablo had the world's largest view. (courtesy of ChevronTexaco)

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industries. Both would soon define California and create support for preservation of its spectacular natural areas. Auto races were held on Mt. Diablo, for example, to drive car sales. Another promising new venture was commercial aviation.

Until the spread of radar technology during World War II, aviators had to rely on landmarks and visual clues to fly. In the 1920s the U.S. Dept. of Commerce began encouraging the creation of “chains of lights” — beacons every hundred miles across the country—to establish airways and to guide pilots and new commercial flights.

The March 1928 *Standard Oil Bulletin* is informative: “The Summit of Mt. Diablo...is the site upon which Standard Oil Company is installing a beacon light for aviators. This mountain’s most notable attribute is its isolation from other highlands, such as surround other famous mountain peaks. Its aloofness affords a scope of vision declared to be unequaled—and a visibility that makes it an ideal location for a fliers’ beacon.” (See page 6: *Except for Kilimanjaro: George Davidson and Mt. Diablo’s Mythic View*)

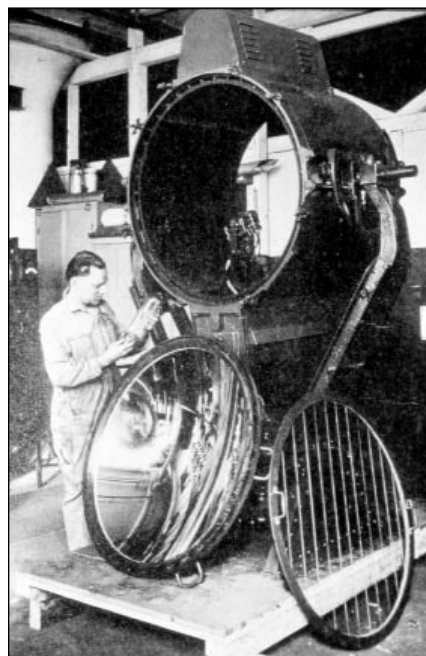
Diablo’s peak was covered by an observation platform, with metal guides to identify landmarks, so the 70’ Standard Diablo tower was located just down slope, with

new PG&E lines for power. Twelve foot “SD” code letters illuminated with red neon lights, facing east and west, further oriented fliers. The lens and mirror of the 10 million candlepower Diablo light are 36” in diameter, and revolve six times per minute. 500 hour lamps were good for about sixty days of operation; when they burned out a “robot,” or electrical servant, automatically tilts the platform and brings a spare lamp into the focus of the mirror and lights it.”

“‘SD’ because of its location, probably will excel in visibility any similar light in the world...one of the most useful aviation beacons in the country. Because of its location, it will correspond to a beacon on a tower 4,000 feet high.” Standard Oil placed letters identifying towns on the roofs of more than 500 of its warehouses along the Pacific Coast and ultimately built 65 beacons.

The summer’s completion of the beacons from Salt Lake to the Bay Area would also complete a chain from New York to the Pacific. “It will be possible to revise our schedules, sailing to and from the Bay Region at night, thus saving an additional business day for mail, express and passengers between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.”

On April 15, 1928 The Standard Diablo tower was dedicated. It was first lit by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh by remote control from Denver, Colorado in a ceremony



The “Eye of Diablo” is a ten million candle power beacon which was moved from the SD tower in 1942 to the recently completed Summit Museum (c. Mike Dillon)



12 foot ‘SD’ initials designate Standard Diablo, illuminated by red neon tubes (c. Mike Dillon)

broadcast by radio. Herbert Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce (and later President) participated along with another speaker who is mentioned in the *Bulletin*:

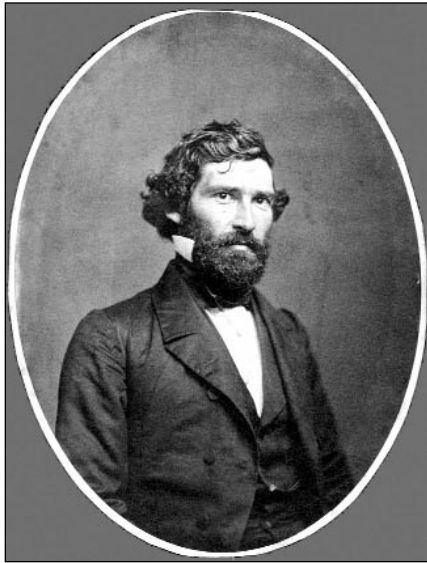
“The owner of Mt. Diablo, W.P. Frick, of San Francisco and Oakland, who maintains a public observation platform on the summit of the mountain, and the highway leading to it, the Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard, a toll-road, has granted permission for the erection of the light.”

In 1939 Standard Oil agreed to become the financial sponsor for the Park’s new Summit Building, providing steel and concrete, and in 1942 the company’s beacon, which had by that time become known as the “Eye of Diablo,” was transferred to the new structure.

We appreciate ChevronTexaco’s support of Mt. Diablo these past seventy-five years.

In the Spring 2004 *DiabloWatch*, we’ll publish “Who Was Walter P. Frick? The Creation of Mt. Diablo State Park.” See Cris Benton’s kite aerial photos at: www.arch.ced.berkeley.edu/kap/thumbs/Diablo/Diablo.htm

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The claim that Mt Diablo has the world's largest view is credited to U.C. Berkeley professor George Davidson (1825-1911), who led the U.S. Coast and Geodetic survey to Mt. Diablo in 1876. No evidence has been found that he actually made the claim.

Except for Kilimanjaro George Davidson and Mt. Diablo's Mythic View

"Mt. Diablo has the largest view in the world," doesn't it? In an emphatic word, "NO." Diablo has one of the world's most extraordinary views so you'd be excused for thinking the myth true. For 125 years thousands of articles, books and brochures have made the claim, modified in more recent years to include, "except for Mt. Kilimanjaro." It's too romantic a notion to resist, such a superlative, and Diablo certainly has a big view but where did the idea originate?

East of Diablo, the Central Valley slopes up like a saucer to reveal a broad expanse. In 1851, surveyors established the initial point of the Mt. Diablo meridian at the mountain's summit, beginning the survey of public lands in California and Nevada. Ten years later, Josiah Whitney's (b.1819-d.1896) geological survey of California visited Diablo numerous times, believing it to be the key to the State's geology. In his report to the legislature, Whitney wrote, "... it is believed that there are few, if any, points on the earth's surface from which so extensive an area may be seen as from Mount Diablo...The whole area thus spread out can hardly be less than forty thousand square miles."

Meanwhile, in the 1870s, about the time that Joseph Hall built wagon roads to within a mile of the summit and Diablo became

a tourist attraction, another group of surveyors spent weeks on the mountain's summit. They were led by George Davidson (born 1825 - died 1911), an English born astronomer who became famous as a surveyor and later as the honorary chair of geodesy and astronomy at the University of California. He founded California's first observatory. Years after he debunked a fraudulent claim on the highest point in San Francisco, the Sierra Club sponsored the naming of the site for him—Mt. Davidson, the city's peak with the large white cross.

In 1876 Davidson's US Coast and Geodetic Survey erected a 3-story signal station at Diablo's summit to be used as part of the Transcontinental Triangulation Survey of the United States. Caroline Coggins and a group of women traveled to the summit that summer - Coggins later published a description of a trip there, probably in the *Sacramento Union*: "about fifty rods from the summit, we discover eleven white tents in a cluster, scarcely higher than the chaparral, yet making a perfect village on the mountain top. This is the temporary habitation of some of the officers and employes of the United States coast survey...the wives of two of the gentlemen (Prof. Davidson and Captain Rockwell) are at present with their husbands...This little settlement is cheered by one baby girl, and two fine looking lads make sport for themselves in this isolated spot." The tower became a tourist attraction along with Hall's Mountain House Hotel. Hall added a telescope to the tower and Coggins states "the vision commands an area of not less than 100,000 square miles..."

Railroad companies began publishing travel guides during the late 1800s to increase ticket sales. Automobile use was encouraged the same way. With increasing tourism, many publications included the Diablo claim, generally as 'the largest view in the world'.

During the mid 1910s, Robert Noble Burgess assembled much of Diablo's west face for a speculative development proposal, the Mount Diablo Estates, with an expected population of 10,000. He built the Mount Diablo Scenic Boulevard auto roads to the top, sponsored auto races and in 1915 published a brochure to build visitation. Widely distributed, the brochure misidentifies and quotes Davidson, who had died and couldn't respond, "One can see a larger area of land and water from here than from any other point in the world, because of the atmospheric conditions and Mount Diablo's isolation. —*The late Professor George Davidson, noted geologist of the University of California.*" The quote hasn't been found in the original but, unless he simply took Whitney's word for it, is hardly likely given Davidson's scientific achievements.

After Burgess' company went bankrupt, in 1919 Oakland businessman Walter P. Frick began reassembling the Diablo lands. He negotiated with the State, which was attempting to create Mt. Diablo State Park, hired a publicist and soon printed his own brochure. The claim was simplified to "from the summit of Mt. Diablo a larger area of land and water is visible than from any other point in the world." Frick leased a beacon tower site to Standard Oil Company of California and finally someone began to question the idea. The March 1928 *Standard Oil Bulletin* included the claim, and quoted Burgess' brochure as a footnote, but with an added phrase, "with the possible exception of a point in Africa." Thus enters the elusive Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Purcell's 1940 *History of Contra Costa County*, further modified the claim, "a panoramic view of a larger area of land and water than is visible from any other

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In the 1940s the Contra Costa Development Assoc. held Easter sunrise ceremonies at the top of Diablo & published materials which spread the myth that it had the world's largest view. (Collection of Roger Epperson)

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point on the American continent,” but it was too late. By 1940, the peak had 50,000 - 60,000 visitors per year.

That same year the Contra Costa County Development Assn. sponsored the first Easter sunrise services at Diablo’s summit. Thousands of souvenir pieces were printed with “The world’s grandest view—more territory visible than from any other point on the globe.” The new State Park began printing its own brochures, prefacing the claim with, “It has been stated...” but equivocations were of no use. The world’s biggest view was too easy to remember and to this day most publications or articles that mention Diablo repeat the claim, as do thousands of web sites, amplified by more than 500,000 visitors annually.

Finally in 1991 Ed Earl, a San Diego engineer who had hiked the mountain, said ‘hold on’. Whitney estimated 40,000 square miles visible. That 19,000+ Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain not part of a range, might have such a view might be believable, but 3,849’ Mount Diablo? For one thing, 135 degrees of Diablo’s view are defined by nearby peaks less than 40 miles away. Diablo’s role in survey lines, which were extended into Nevada and Oregon, has also been confused with visibility, obstructed by the Sierra and other mountain ranges. While Diablo’s view includes high, distant peaks such as Lassen, they contribute little to the area visible.

Earl asked, ‘what does the view include, how, from where’—water, from a single point, if you walk around the summit? Using topographical atlases and aeronautical charts he calculated a range of view shed areas for Diablo and three other U.S. peaks, the horizon’s circle modified for elevation and obstructions:

1) *Mt Diablo* (3849’ - 76 mile horizon)- 13,000 to 21,700 square miles; 2) *Mt McKinley* (20,320’ the highest U.S. mountain, - 170 mile horizon) 60,500 to 71,800; 3) *Mauna Kea* (Hawaiian volcano 13,796’ above sea level - 144 mile, mostly oceanic horizon) 59,100; 4) *Pikes Peak* (14,110’ - 116 mile horizon, blocked by the Rockies, overlooking the Great Plains) -27,800.

Earl’s analysis is at:

www.k-online.com/~esquared/outdoor/diablo.htm
All three peaks exceed Diablo’s likely view. His study wasn’t exhaustive and used readily available info, but concluded, “there are probably hundreds of mountains whose view shed areas exceed 20,000

April 29 - May 2, 2004 **Four Days Diablo** *An elegant experience*

Each April Save Mount Diablo leads its *Four Days Diablo* backpack trip on the 30-mile Diablo Trail. The four day -three night adventure takes participants across six parks from Shell Ridge Open Space in Walnut Creek to the Round Valley Regional Preserve in Brentwood.

The entire route is on permanently protected open space -- half of it protected in the past fifteen years -- and crosses just two narrow auto roads during the four days.



Participants carry a day pack with their water and a catered box lunch (provided by Sunrise Cafe). Sleeping bags, tents and other food are transported from site to site by SMD volunteers.



As participants arrive in camp at the end of the day, they are greeted with iced drinks and receive assistance in setting up their tents and inflating their air mattresses.



square miles and a few dozen over 50,000.”

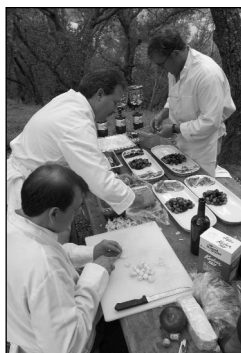
The upshot? Mount Diablo has figured largely in California history. It doesn’t have the world’s largest view but the claim helped draw attention to the area and aided in its preservation. The CCC Development Association got it partly right “The world’s grandest view” and...without a doubt...the most beautiful. Diablo’s view is spectacular any time, but cold clear days have the best visibility, especially after rains and late in the day when the sinking sun cuts through Central Valley clouds.

By Seth Adams, SMD’s Director of Land Programs; mtsaver@aol.com

Participants carry just a daypack, enjoy beautiful and lush landscapes and thousands of wildflowers, and stroll into camp to gourmet meals prepared by area chefs. Experts are along to identify flora and fauna, you learn about the geologic and cultural history of the mountain and dinner is followed by evening lectures.

The next trip will take place in April of 2004. Call the SMD office at 925 947-3535 to reserve your spot, for more information, or check our web site at: www.savemountdiablo.org

Space is limited to 20 participants, \$750 per person. Don’t miss out!!



Each day’s dinner is a catered feast. Above, Prima’s Executive Chef, Peter Chastain, General Manager Marco Powell and staff member Rory prepare the first night’s meal, which is served on the elegantly prepared table (china & linen provided by Sunrise Catering). Prima owner, Michael Verlander helped to prepare and serve the second night’s dinner). Each evening ends with a guest lecture. The first night’s was about Diablo myths, legends and folklore.

VOLUNTEER

We need help from people who are interested in putting on fundraising events, soliciting businesses and corporations for goods and dollars, leading hikes, identifying locations and then delivering newsletters and hike schedules to area businesses

If you would like to volunteer, call Talia Smith at the SMD office 925 947-3535.



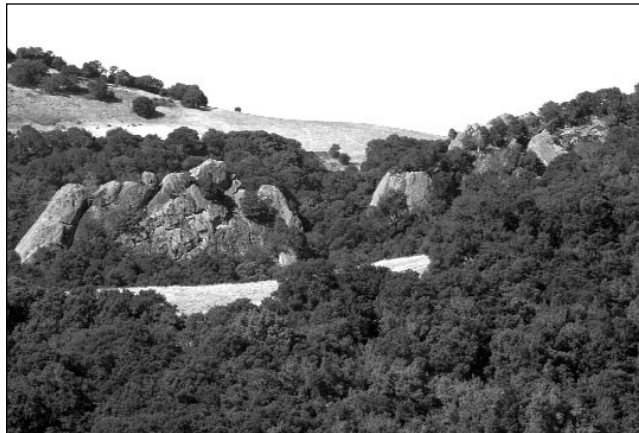
Diablo Celebrated

Silva Ranch Dedication July 26

The day dawned clear in Riggs Canyon as guests hiked or were shuttled up Riggs Canyon to the Silva Ranch dedication. Save Mount Diablo transferred the 427 acre property to Mt. Diablo State Park, followed by a hike on the Tassajara Creek Trail. The event was generously underwritten by Shapell Industries. Thanks to Kerry Randall of Concord Feed & Pets who provided seating and site prep, and to John Pereira allowed the use of his orchard for offsite parking.



From upper left: tents on Highland Ridge; former Sen. John Nejedly, Hulet Hornbeck, Bob Doyle; SMD president Malcolm Sproul; Bob Doyle, Shapell's Chris Truebridge & SMD's Seth Adams; Senator Tom Torlakson ran to the event and joined SMD Founder Art Bonwell



From left: Cave Point view from Silva; Kirk Sturm, Chief of the Dept. of Parks & Recreation's Northern Division, accepting the property; Ron Brown, SMD Executive Director; Sam Shuchat, Executive Officer of the California Coastal Conservancy

Vasco Caves Large Donor Tour - Saturday, March 15, 2003



In March EBRPD's Bob Doyle led two tours of Vasco Caves for SMD, one for large donors, the other public. SMD offers special events for donors above the \$100 level and special tours for those above \$250.



The Vasco Caves are crowned with vernal pools and have abundant wildlife

Diablo Celebrated

Morgan Monument - June 8

Flowering buckeyes provided a backdrop above Marsh creek and, despite June heat, the Morgan Red Corral was in fine form for the Jeremiah Morgan (for whom Morgan Territory is named) monument dedication. Bill & Naomi Morgan, who sold the property to Save Mount Diablo, attended with their family and dozens of Jeremiah's descendants joined SMD large donors for the event. Kerry Randall of Concord Feed provided seating and site prep.



From left, counter-clockwise: the monument, a condition of the Red Corral's purchase; Cheryl, Naomi and Bill Morgan, who sold the property to SMD; SMD Executive Director Ron Brown speaks to the crowd; the Morgans held a family reunion the same weekend.



Healthwise-Dornsife Round Valley Hike

One hundred friends & clients of Greg Francisco's Healthwise Fitness and of Dana and Dave Dornsife joined SMD for an annual tradition, this year a Round Valley hike. \$3000 were raised to benefit SMD.



SMD's Ron Brown, Dave & Dana Dornsife, Greg Francisco; group shot - from the March 30 hike..



SMD large donors joined the Trust for Public Land to celebrate the birth of California's newest State Park. The 3,891 acre park near Brentwood encircles the John Marsh Home and Marsh Creek reservoir.

Cowell Ranch State Park Dedication - Saturday, May 3, 2003



TPL's Tim Wirth, Ass. Joe Canciamilla & Sen. Tom Torlakson; Mt. Diablo view



Photos by Scott Hein (Round Valley by Greg Francisco)

Intelligent Tinkering

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on Earth will be lost. The rate equates to between 17,000 and 100,000 species lost each year, each of which represents 50,000 to several million years of genetic evolution in how to survive. The loss is the biologic equivalent of burning all of our libraries.

Rare species are impacted by change faster than more common ones. They serve as indicators of environmental health like canaries in a coal mine. On the bright side, many rare species respond well to conservation strategies, such as restoration of bald eagles nationwide, grey whale populations on the Pacific coast, peregrine falcons in California, and red-legged frogs around Mt. Diablo. Save Mount Diablo has been involved in the latter two efforts and nearly every piece of land we preserve is habitat for rare or listed species.

One promising new effort is taking place in Contra Costa County from Mt. Diablo's peak stretching through East County. Part Coast Range, part Central Valley, the eastern slopes of Mount Diablo support a wide variety of unique habitats and species. Many of these species are so rare that they've been listed under State and Federal Endangered Species Acts as threatened or endangered.

San Joaquin Kit Fox (looks something like its cousin, the gray fox, but cat-sized with bigger ears) is one such animal. It favors grassy plains and hills and avoids woodland where it is at risk from predators. With so much of the San Joaquin Valley either developed or irrigated, Eastern Contra Costa is one of its few refuges.

Other endangered, threatened, or at-risk species in East County include Alameda whipsnake, California red legged frog, tiger salamander, burrowing owl, golden eagle, vernal pool fairy shrimp, and the Mt. Diablo manzanita, and Diablo sunflower.

The trouble is, Eastern Contra Costa County has also been a refuge for developers. The cities in East County have been among California's growth hot spots for years; some are often rated in the top three fastest growing cities in the state. Development in this area can be directly in conflict with conservation of the region's

natural resources, including the endangered species that live there. Though a slow growth consciousness is emerging in the area, given existing approved land use plans, urban development is likely to continue for years to come and the conflict between development and conservation is likely to get worse.

Seeking a smoother resolution of the ongoing conflict, a coalition of local government agencies is now preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan ("HCP") for East County. The HCP will examine the needs of at-risk species, establish goals for habitat acquisition and restoration, and commit funding to implement the plan. The HCP



SMD's Galvin Ranch (central canyon) supports five rare species (photo by Scott Hein)

will also serve as the basis for the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the California Dept. of Fish & Game to issue an endangered species permit to local government agencies that covers public and private development projects consistent with the plan. Another, smaller HCP is being considered for Mt. Diablo State Park, where the conflicts are largely recreational or related to management. Save Mount Diablo is participating in both efforts.

Regional HCPs establish a coordinated process for permitting and mitigating the impacts on endangered species. This process creates an alternative to the current project-by-project approach. Rather than individually surveying, negotiating, and securing mitigation, project proponents typically receive an endangered species permit by simply paying a fee, though some HCP's may contain additional conditions (protection of on-site habitat is one standard alternative to paying a fee). The fees are collected by an implementation authority, often a Joint Powers Authority composed of representatives of local agencies.

Along with grants and other funding sources, the fees are used to purchase habitat or conservation easements from willing sellers, and for monitoring, habitat enhancement and management.

The East County HCP will attempt to be a "win-win" for development and the environment. By ensuring that the most critical habitat areas are protected by preservation of wildlife corridors and sound conservation biology (as opposed to the isolated, postage stamp reserves that can result from project-by-project mitigation), the HCP can be good for conservation. By making the permitting process more efficient and certain, developers can avoid the delays and wastefulness of the current process.

SMD is participating in the development of both HCPs to help make sure the final documents live up to their promises, and to ensure that public recreation is guaranteed along with conservation. We are joined in our participation by other conservation groups and by developers and agricultural interests. So far, there has been more agreement than conflict among these diverse interests. There are many tough issues ahead of us, including the location and extent of development permitted under

the plan, the funding strategy, and details of habitat acquisition and restoration strategy.

The preliminary conservation strategy in East County calls for the acquisition of 33,000 new acres, 150% of the area in Mt. Diablo State Park, over the next 30 years. If implemented, it would protect land around the State Park and better connect Black Diamond Mines, the Naval Weapons Station, Cowell Ranch State Park, Morgan Territory, Round Valley, Vasco Caves, and Brushy Peak and other open lands to the south. Of course, when habitat is preserved for rare species, common species benefit too.

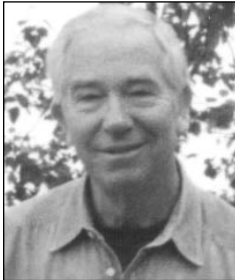
In 1953 Aldo Leopold, one of the fathers of conservation biology, wrote "To save every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering." That is just what we are attempting. The EC HCP is two years into a three-year planning process; the State Park HCP is just beginning. Additional info is available at the East County project website: www.cocohcp.org

Spotlight on Volunteers

Frank Varenchik, Sharon Walters & Scott Hein join SMD's Board of Directors

Frank Varenchik has been involved with SMD for some time, first as the organization's auditor. "Supporting SMD is my way of giving back to the mountain for the hours of joy it has given me." A CPA and former V.P. of Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund, Frank served on the Development Committee and is now SMD

Treasurer. He and his wife Barbara live in Clayton and have five children. Frank enjoys outdoor sports and baking. "I find SMD to be one of the most cost-



Frank Varenchik

effective organizations I have encountered ... with an all volunteer board and a staff of just four employees. When donors make contributions to SMD, they can be assured that it is a lean, efficient operation. I am proud to be part of it."

Sharon Walters is a native Californian and just celebrated her 20th year as a librarian at Saint Mary's College where she's been Head of Access Services for 10 years. She has been a member of the SMD Development Committee for several years.

"As a 20-year resident of Danville, seeing the mountain always brings me a sense of coming home, a sense of place. I love hiking on the



Sharon Walters

mountain and discovering new trails and vistas. I want to do all I can to preserve the mountain." She and her husband Bill, a principal at Antioch Middle School, live in Danville and have two sons.

"I've been following news about SMD for years. I initially signed up for events, and afterwards learned more about the mission of the organization. SMD's accomplishments have been so impressive, I had always assumed SMD was a large organization. I was surprised to learn just how small they really are. I soon began volunteering.

Scott Hein, whose photos fill these pages, was recently profiled in *Diablo Watch* and is the new Chair of SMD's Land Committee.



Scott Hein

Spotlight On Sponsors



Concord Feed & Pet Supply

228 Hookston Rd., Pleasant Hill, & 5288 B Clayton Rd., Concord; (925) 906-0130

Among SMD's best new business supporters are Tony and Tina Akins and General Manager Kerry Randall of **Concord Feed & Pet Supply**. What do SMD, equestrians, and pets have in common? Plenty! "Save Mount Diablo does great work, and we're proud to participate in supporting preservation of Mt. Diablo. SMD's acquisitions include trails that serve our customers," said Tony. Tina added "Diablo's parks are the daily playground of residents and their pets. Longer recreational routes are a special benefit for equestrians."

Over the past year, Concord Feed has supported SMD's Moonlight on the Mountain events with auction items, and Kerry

Randall has helped with many projects - installing gates at the Galvin property and the lending of hay bales for event seating. On Oct. 4, Concord Feed will be a sponsor of Dressage for Diablo, bringing sponsorship by Purina Mills with them.

Concord Feed is a family run business-daughter Erin, sons Bobby and Donny, Tony's brother Barry, Tina's brother John, and nephew Mike. Established in 1922, the store carries a wide range of feed; equestrian, stable and pet supplies; clothing; and delivers to Lamorinda and the San Ramon Valley. Their Superior Koi division stocks imported koi and pond supplies. SMD appreciates their support.



Marty Breen of Forward Motion Sports

Forward Motion Sports

432 Hartz Avenue, Danville, (925) 820.9966;
1245 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek
(925) 979-9966, www.forwardmotion.com

Forward Motion and Outside Interests are two of SMD's strongest supporters; they also happen to be located next door to each other. Key sponsors of the SMD Trail Adventure, they help us in a myriad of ways. Forward Motion is a full serve running and walking store; Outside Interests carries a great selection of hiking and camping gear and organizes trips. Small businesses have a tough time in economic downturns but these businesses are great community leaders. Show your support by shopping there and thanking them for supporting Save Mount Diablo.

Contact us if you would like to explore ways your business can be a sponsor.



Dave Husted of Outside Interests

Outside Interests

422 Hartz Avenue, Danville, 925 837-1230
www.outsideinterests.com



We can relieve congestion if the renewed transportation tax (measure C) has an enforceable Growth Management Plan and funding for mass transit.

Transportation for a Livable Contra Costa

The county's current half-cent sales tax for transportation expires in 2008, and the Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCTA) has begun planning for its reauthorization, through a ballot measure planned for November 2004.

The renewed measure, that requires a 2/3 vote to pass, is expected to generate \$1.6 billion over 20 years. To create a program that could win such support, the CCTA and the County Board of Supervisors will be listening to a broad range voices in the community.

The original sales tax was at first opposed by environmentalists and passed only after a Growth Management Plan (GMP) was added. However, the measure has not achieved the intended results. Sprawl developments have proliferated, congestion has worsened and new development has not fully paid for its impacts.

In order to positively influence the reauthorization effort, Save Mount Diablo has joined with other environmental, social-equity, labor, faith, and community based organizations to create a unified voice through the Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC).

The coalition has created a plan for the reauthorization entitled, "Transportation for a Livable Contra Costa County". The plan redirects this tax revenue towards projects and programs designed more effectively manage growth, reduce dependence on single occupancy vehicles, and to provide meaningful funding for transit, para-transit and bicycle and pedestrian paths.

The plan proposes the following allocations (percentages of total sales-tax generated):

Smart Growth Incentives

- Maintaining local streets and roads: 10%
- Smart growth and affordable housing to reduce commuting: 10%
- Mitigation for transportation impacts: 5%

Transportation Choices to Alleviate Congestion

- County-wide web of express buses: 9%
- East County rail extension -eBART: 10%
- Ferries for Antioch, Martinez, Hercules, and Richmond: 5%
- Highway improvements that increase transportation choices: 10%
- Commuter information and coordinated planning: 3%

Community Transportation to Maintain Mobility

- Mobility for seniors and disabled: 13%
- Better feeder and local transit: 15%
- Safe transportation for children: 5%
- Safety and access for pedestrians and bicyclist: 5%

As an example of the difference being suggested in this platform, the existing sales tax devotes 60% of spending to roads and highways; the TALC plan would bring this down to 20%.

The new plan calls for strengthening the GMP. It calls for the strengthening of the Urban Limit Line, requires each city to adopt Urban Growth Boundaries, and to plan for and actually provide housing at all income levels. It would also strengthen its efforts to have new development fully pay for itself.

CCTA is currently doing environmental impact reports on various plans for a reauthorized measure. We encourage you to support the platform contained in TALC's "Transportation for a Livable Contra Costa".

You can see the full report at:

www.transcoalition.org/reports/tlcc/tlcc_home.html

After reading the report and its recommendations, we encourage you to express your support for the TALC platform by sending the following message to:

Chairperson Julie Pierce & Commissioners
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
% Save Mount Diablo
1196 Boulevard Way, #10
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

I support the "Transportation for a Livable Contra Costa" platform developed and supported by environmental, labor and social-justice groups. I want to see:



Welcome to Talia Smith Save Mount Diablo's New Development Associate and Volunteer Coordinator

Natalia Smith, "Talia" to her friends, joined SMD in August as Development Associate, a position focused on fundraising, events and volunteer coordination. A California native from the Sierra foothills town of Westpointe, she graduated from Monterey Bay State College and is finishing her Masters at San Francisco State. She has worked for a variety of non-profits for the past seven years including youth, HIV/Aids and affordable housing organizations.

"I have always found comfort and inspiration in nature and am truly grateful for the amazing serenity that Mount Diablo provides our community. I have chosen to work in the nonprofit world because I want my work to mean something to me and I want the results of my work to benefit the community in which I live. I look forward to helping to preserve the Bay Area's natural environment for others to enjoy in generations to come."

- Support for the Urban Limit Line
- A strong, enforceable growth management Program
- More funding for public transit, bicycles and walking
- More funding to support basic mobility for ALL County residents - including seniors, disabled, low income and children

End the message with your additional comments, and your signature plus printed name and address.

(Thanks to the Sierra Club Yodeler for contributing to this article)

Membership Matters

Save Mount Diablo's annual operating expenses are underwritten by the financial support we receive from membership revenue. In addition to providing financial support, the number of members we have is a statement to legislators and others about the level of community support for our projects.

We would like to thank the following individuals who have become members since mid-December of 2000. We invite you to join them in supporting Save Mount Diablo's efforts to preserve open space.



Indian paintbrush

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(\$1,000 or more)

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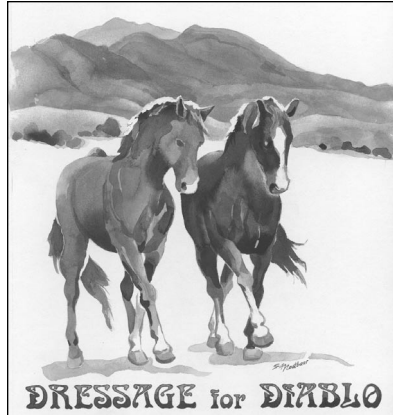
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October 4, 2003
Equestrian Center Club House
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Pre-event VIP reception: 300 - 4:30 pm
Main Event: 5:00 - 6:40 pm

An entertainment event to raise funds to assist in acquiring a conservation easement on the 35.8 acre Gateway Parcel, at the Northgate entrance to Mount Diablo State Park. The event will feature renowned state and national championship riders and local residents Creeky Routson and Chelsea Sibley.



Featuring:

- Olympic style Championship freestyle exhibition;
- "The True Story of Cinderella" a fantasy to music on horseback;
- Championship vaulting (gymnastics on horseback);
- Bareback pas de deux (2 horses dancing in unison);
- East meets West (competition between a reining horse and dressage horse).
- Intermission dog training exhibition

The Gateway Parcel is 36 acres of rolling meadowland adjacent to the North Gate of Mt. Diablo State Park. Bordered by Arroyo del Cerro creek, the property offers spectacular 360 degree views and is a crucial wildlife corridor between the State Park and Shell Ridge Open Space. The County Board of Supervisors have granted the Gateway Alliance an option to acquire a conservation easement to ensure perpetual open space and recreational uses for the property. The property has otherwise been proposed for development of 34 large homes.

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Ticket Information:
• \$50 - Includes pre-event VIP reception; Event T-shirt; Reserved

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To preserve Mount Diablo's peaks and surrounding foothills through land acquisition and preservation strategies to: protect the mountain's natural beauty, integrity, and biological diversity; enhance our area's quality of life; and provide recreational opportunities consistent with protection of natural resources.

In support of our mission, we:

- Protects open space through purchases, gifts and cooperative efforts with public and private entities
- Educates the public regarding threats to the mountain's flora, fauna and rugged beauty, and to

the history and heritage of the mountain and its surrounding foothills

- Works with landowners to preserve their property and to ensure that they receive fair value in any transaction aimed at preserving open space
- Works in partnership with Mt. Diablo State Park, East Bay Regional Park District, and other public and private entities to increase and manage open space and to identify mitigation opportunities
- Participates in the land use planning process for projects that could impact Mount Diablo and its surrounding foothills

- Aids in the restoration of habitat and the protection of rare species
- Offers technical advice to community and neighborhood groups regarding preservation of open space
- Raises funds and sponsors events to build public awareness and to carry out our programs
- Temporarily owns and responsibly manages lands prior to their transfer to a public agency for permanent preservation.
- Encourages recreation and public enjoyment of Mount Diablo's parklands consistent with the protection of their natural resources

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