

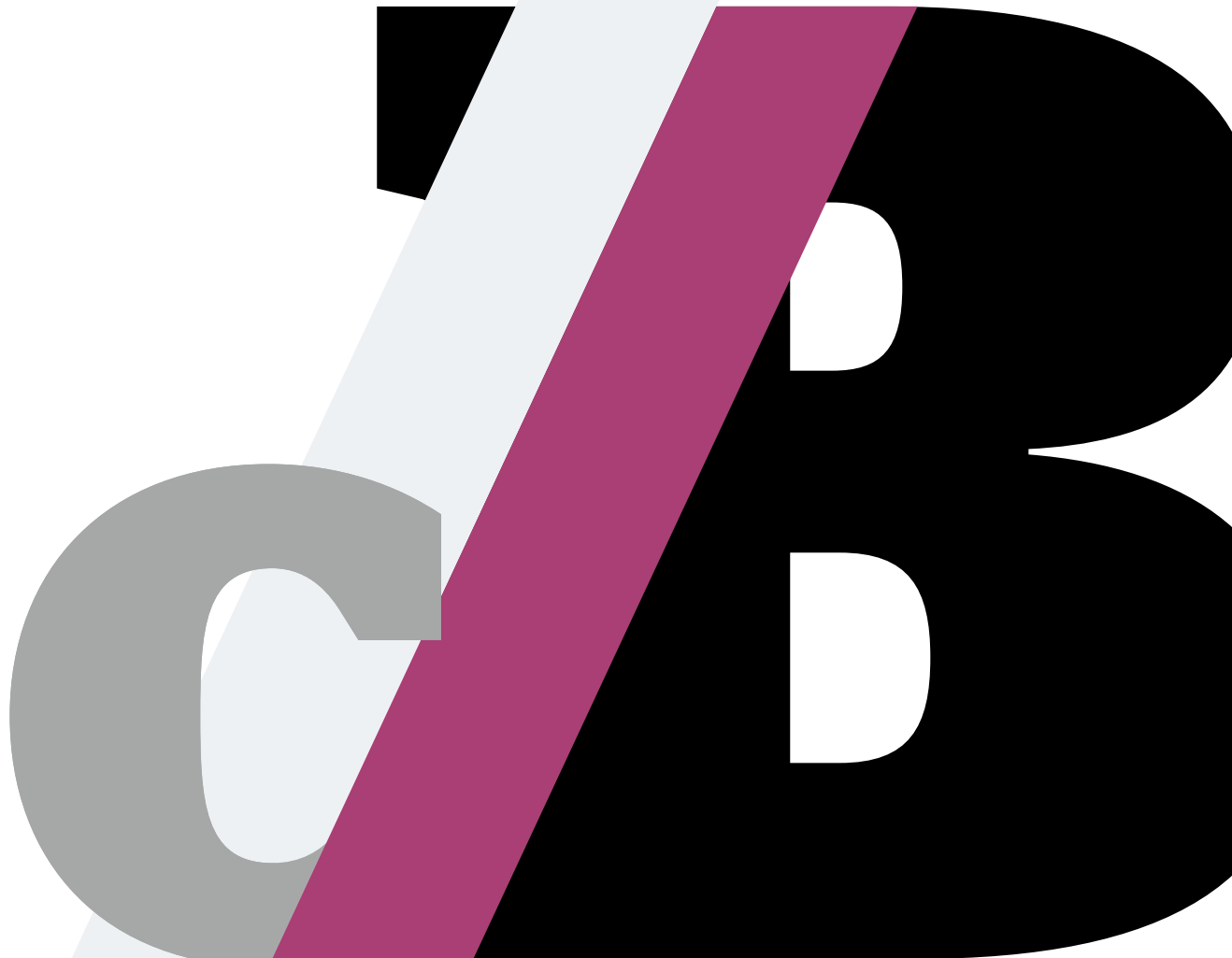
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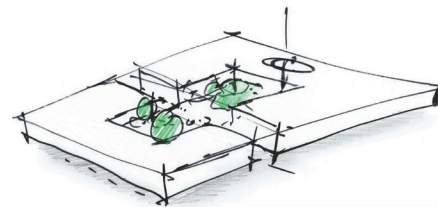
Community & Business



EXCELLENT SCHOOLS AND MULTIPLE corporate headquarters form the backbone of Danville, Dublin, and San Ramon's thriving communities. The hard-work ethic of residents is apparent: Danville is ranked as one of the wealthiest cities in California. With a host of new developments on the horizon, the future couldn't be brighter.

Coming Soon

The scoop on the area's ambitious retail and dining developments.



SAN RAMON

Welcome City Center (pictured at left), the newest development at Bishop Ranch, Northern California's largest office park. The first phase of the project will be comprised of a staggering 350,000 square feet of retail space, including a movie theater, restaurants, and community services, and is slated for completion by late 2016. Acclaimed Italian architect Renzo Piano, who also designed San Francisco's California Academy of Sciences, has been commissioned as the designer for City Center's plaza.

Subsequent phases of development include 479 residential units, a 169-room hotel, and four new office buildings totaling 800,000 square feet.

DANVILLE

With a \$25 million price tag, the historic Danville Hotel (pictured at right) is being reborn—this time as a 37,500-square-foot retail, residential, and commercial development in the heart of downtown Danville. Slated for completion in the fall of 2015, the project will include three restaurants, an outdoor plaza, a parking garage, and a plethora of stores, plus 16 second-story condominiums. The hotel at 411 Hartz and the adjacent white McCauley house, both dating to the 1890s, will be restored.



DUBLIN

Dublin has broken ground on Persimmon Place, a new shopping center at Hacienda Drive and Dublin Boulevard. Whole Foods will occupy 40,000 square feet, and will feature outdoor dining tables and fire pits as well as a tap room. Nordstrom Rack and HomeGoods are also anchor tenants. Persimmon Place will also include upscale dining. The project is slated for completion in the spring of 2015.

Also in Dublin, at Hacienda Crossings, in the location of the former Macaroni Grill, look for Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar in late 2014. It will have nearly 8,000 square feet of space, including a covered patio for year-round dining. —Sara Hare

Home **Sweet** Home

Bishop Ranch's Alex Mehran, Jr., enjoys being back 'on the ranch.'

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Sometimes you have to go away to realize just how great it is to be back home.

That was the case with Danville resident and Bishop Ranch scion, Alex Mehran, Jr., 33, whose father and grandfather bought the 585-acre San Ramon ranch turned office park in 1978, before Mehran was even born.

As a young teen, Mehran left California, first for boarding school in Pebble Beach and then for college back East at Brown University. After graduation, Mehran began his business career with a stint at Goldman Sachs in New York City, where he started dating his wife, model Maggie Rizer, in 2006.

It didn't take long for the couple to realize that life back "on the ranch" might be a whole lot more fulfilling than life in Manhattan's fast lane. So in 2009, Mehran, wearing his trademark polo and Carhartts, moved back to California. And he's never looked back.

Now Mehran's days are busy with Bishop Ranch expansion plans, as this innovative office

park is about to explode into a thriving community with exciting mixed-use residential and retail components, including a city center designed by renowned architect Renzo Piano.

"I'm proud to be part of the positive growth and development of an area that has a sustainable future. I'm proud to live here," he says.

Once a competitive sailor, these days Mehran is more likely to be burning up a mountain bike trail on Mount Diablo, or playing with his boys—Zander, two, and Quinn, one—at the pool. He and his wife are big foodies and take every chance to snag a date night on the town. —**Sara Hare**

The Insider Date-Night Picks

Casual:

Baci Cafe.

Classic:

Pete's Brass Rail and Car Wash.

Hip:

Sideboard Coffee.

