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## BACKBURNS JUMP LINE, THREATEN NEIGHBORHOODS

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH HIGH winds anticipated later in the week, firefighters intentionally set fire to a wide swath of vegetation between Chews Ridge and the front of the Soberanes Fire Sept. 19 in an effort to protect nearby homes. But a pair of spot fires broke out on the wrong side of fire lines, causing alarm among residents.

A fire official conceded the burning operation didn't go exactly as planned, but she insisted it hasn't put any residents at risk. "Two spot fires from wind-driven embers came up from the burnout operations and went over the line," Soberanes Fire public information officer Elayne Briggs told

The Pine Cone.

Briggs insisted the firing operations paid off.

"While there's always some risk to tactics like these, it's a good thing we did it," she said. "What people need to know is that if we didn't do burnout operation, there was nothing to hold the fire as it pushes to the east."

But some residents were skeptical, including Cachagua General Store owner Michael Jones.

"I know you will be shocked — shocked! — to hear that the completely unnecessary Chews Ridge back burn has jumped the road," Jones posted on Facebook.

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Firefighters (left) light a backfire near Cachagua Saturday. A helicopter (above) being used to fight the Soberanes Fire reloads Tuesday at a staging area near Arroyo Seco.

## Brazil Ranch — up for sale again?

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN a year after turning down a proposal by Grammy Award-winning musician and composer Philip Glass to establish a performing arts and environmental education center at Brazil Ranch in Big Sur, the 1,200-acre property still sits virtually empty aside from its buildings — and it's unclear if its owner, the United States Forest Service, even wants to keep it. And U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, who urged the acquisitions in the first place, said he might be OK with a sale, if the property is protected.

Glass, meanwhile, who plays a sold-out concert at Sunset Center Friday, is still looking for a site for his center.

Six years ago, Glass kicked off his annual Days and Nights Festival by suggesting that the Brazil Ranch would be an ideal location for a performing arts and environmental education center. At the time, a Forest Service official called the proposal "legitimate" and vowed to consider it. Carmel architect Mary Ann Schicketanz even drew up plans for the center.

### Will the feds sell the ranch?

But last year, Forest Service officials notified Glass that they were declining his proposal — in part, because the agency doesn't have enough employees to provide the oversight required for such an ambitious project. And in a letter he was sent, officials acknowledged they were considering getting rid of the property, which was acquired by the Forest Service in 2002 for \$23 million of taxpayers' money. "Since the [Los Padres National Forest] does not have the resources to maintain the Brazil Ranch facilities, we are reviewing options of facility removal and/or conveyance as possible long-term solutions," wrote Forest Service official Robert

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## Pig owners fined \$8K for keeping him

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Pacific Grove Monday sent the owners of a pet pig a hefty bill for not complying with a July order to remove the animal from their property, and the bill continues to climb at whopping \$500 per day.

On Sept. 19, P.G. code compliance officer Terri Schaeffer told Lisa and Mark Hanes, the owners of Bruiser, a potbelly pig, that they must pay \$7,667.50 in penalties and fees for failing to relocate the animal from their Ransford Avenue house.

"Thank you for your prompt remittance," the city's invoice says at the bottom.

The costs include \$700 for the 14 days the Haneses were being charged \$50 per day for not removing the pig starting Aug. 23, and \$6,500 since Sept. 6, when the fines increased

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## Monning defends Panetta's qualifications

By KELLY NIX

ONE OF the politicians who 20th Congressional District candidate Casey Lucius claimed got "pushed aside" to allow Democratic rival Jimmy Panetta to run commented this week on his decision not to pursue the seat and defended Panetta's qualifications for the office.

State Sen. Bill Monning had long been mentioned as a possible successor to U.S. Rep. Sam Farr before deciding not to seek the seat. This week, Monning acknowledged that Panetta's name boosted his candidacy, but he also pointed to his achievements.

"Certainly, the Panetta name carries strong positives in the 20th Congressional District," Monning told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "That said, Jimmy Panetta has his own strong record of public service as a deputy district attorney, as a vet-

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PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

It's part of the most famous view in Big Sur, but the future of the land on the far side of Bixby Bridge is once again up in the air.

## Council OKs preservation deals for historic homes, encourages others to sign up

By MARY SCHLEY

A LIMIT imposed to keep the city from losing too much revenue when it grants tax breaks to people with historic homes was significantly increased by the Carmel City Council last week. At the same meeting, council members also approved Mills Act contracts with the owners of four historic houses and said they hope more people will take advantage of the program.

"This Mills Act allows us to reinvest in our town," commented council member Carrie Theis. "It's nice to have four owners who are willing to reinvest in Carmel."

"This is fantastic that we will have four houses that will be staying the same," added councilwoman Jan Reimers after the group unanimously approved the contracts at the Sept. 13 meeting.

The Mills Act — which obligates homeowners to a minimum 10-year contract (with renewal provisions) for the restoration and maintenance of their houses and grants them a 40-to-60 percent break in property taxes in return — was enacted by the state in 1972, but jurisdictions are not required to offer it. The city added it to its books in 2004 when it adopted its Local Coastal Program, but that version was so

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PHOTOS/MARY SCHLEY

These charming houses on Dolores Street (left) and San Carlos Street will now be preserved by their owners, who will receive a property tax break in return.

# RANCH

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Baird.

This week, Andrew Madsen of the Forest Service said little has changed since the letter was written. Addressing the possibility that the agency will sell the land, Madsen didn't get into details, but said it hasn't changed its stance.

"The letter still stands," he confirmed. "It's the latest position the Forest Service has taken on the issue."

Madsen said matters are complicated by the fact that the ranch's infrastructure needs lots of work. "The buildings are in varying states of disrepair," he said. "There's issues with the wells, and the maintenance of the water facility continues to be a big problem."

### Too much land, not enough staff

The Brazil Ranch faces an uncertain

future, Madsen said. "There are a number of potential outcomes for the Brazil Ranch," he suggested. "There's been a lot of proposals that have been bandied about."

One of biggest challenges facing the Forest Service, Madsen said, is a shortage of workers, which is a direct result of the agency's dwindling budget.

As a result, Madsen said there isn't enough manpower to move forward with a Brazil Ranch project because the agency's local office in King City is busy working on another labor-intensive endeavor, the Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project, which involves reestablishing and maintaining more than 24 miles of historically used fuelbreaks in the Big Sur backcountry.

That project, understandably, has been set aside for now as most of the local Forest Service staff have their hands full dealing with the Soberanes Fire.

"We only have the capacity to pick up one large ticket item at a time," Madsen conced-

ed. "We are very eager to focus our efforts on that."

One of the chief reasons the Forest Service bought the ranch was to prevent development from happening there, after Las Vegas speculator Brian Sweeney bought the land from the family of Alan Funt and announced he would sell its 9 lots separately.

When the federal government bought the land from Sweeney for \$25 million in 2002, the deal generated considerable controversy.

Congressman Sam Farr, who urged the federal government to buy the property, told The Pine Cone this week he's OK with selling off at least some of the land.

"The Brazil Ranch was a controversial purchase, done to avoid mansion development," Farr explained. "It has been awkward and difficult for the Forest Service to operate it as income property. I support a lease or conditioned sale of the developed parcels for acceptable uses as long as the open space remains in public ownership. The Forest Service has many options, though they are

subject to restrictions imposed by the local government and the Coastal Act. I hope something can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction."

### What comes next?

Ultimately, Congress will need to sign off on any sale of the property. If the Forest Service keeps it, the California Coastal Commission will need to approve what happens there. The state watchdog agency had once expressed concerns about the lack of public access offered by the ranch, but in 2011, with little fanfare, two hiking routes on the land were opened to the public.

Despite getting turned down by the Forest Service, Glass' dream of creating an education and arts center is still alive, said Jim Woodard, the producer of the Days and Nights Festival, which returns this weekend for the sixth year, although it will be limited to a single concert because the fire has made it difficult to stage events in Carmel Valley and Big Sur.

## Salinas Airshow hosts volunteer firefighter in Thunderbird flight

By MARY SCHLEY

**BRIAN GORRELL**, a surfer and Palo Colorado Canyon resident who works as a volunteer firefighter with the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade, will get the flight of his life during the California International Airshow in Salinas Sept. 24-25, when he gets a free ride in a U.S. Air Force Thunderbird. Gorrell, who is also a surfer and lifeguard, and who headed his volunteer fire department's efforts to set up a water-rescue program, was selected as the airshow's 2016 Hometown Hero.

"Brian has successfully combined his passion for family, community, surfing and the ocean in a way of life that makes the Central Coast a better place," airshow officials said after their announcement last week, when they surprised him with the honor.

It was particularly timely, too, considering Mid-Coast's enduring efforts during the still-burning Soberanes Fire, which started in Garrapata State Park due to an illegal campfire July 22 and destroyed 57 homes in the Palo Colorado area.

For his dedication to the community, Gorrell will get to ride with the headlining act at this year's airshow, the USAF Thunderbirds — also known as "America's Ambassadors in Blue" — who will demonstrate the force and might of their F-16As in a series of fast passes and intricate aerobatic maneuvers.

Also on the schedule for this year's show are longtime favorite aerobatic pilot Mike Goulian, Mark Peterson in his Alpha Jet, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Sky Dive Demo Team, aerobatic pilot Anna Serbinenko, Mulisha Extreme MotoX, the Liberty Jump Team, monster trucks (including Bounty Hunter's tribute to American

Sniper Chris Kyle), a children's carnival, and an extensive static display of commercial aircraft, warbirds, personal planes and other aircraft. A wide range of vendors offer great food and treats, aircraft-related items and other products.

Tickets, which begin at \$20 for general admission and rise for luxury boxes with access to a special tent with a catered lunch and drinks, can be purchased at the airshow office at 30 Mortensen Ave. at the Salinas Airport, all Central Coast Federal Credit Union branches, Monterey County Carl's Jr. locations, Costco locations in Sand City and Salinas, or online at [www.salinas-airshow.com](http://www.salinas-airshow.com). Kids 12 and under can attend for free, and show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

During its nearly 40 years in existence, the airshow has distributed more than \$8 million to local charities.

## P.G. Museum of Natural History celebrates otters

IT'S SEA Otter Awareness Week, and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History's Science Saturday on Sept. 24 is all about Sea Otters and Friends. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can learn what sea otters eat, check out real sea otter fur and make a craft to take home.

Science Saturdays are held the last Saturday of each month, and are free and open to the public. The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. For more information, visit [pgmuseum.org](http://pgmuseum.org).

## CALENDAR

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**Sep 15-May 11 - Women in the Word is conducting a Christian bible study** on the Gospel of John, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Carmel Presbyterian Church (Ocean & Junipero, Carmel). Women of all ages and denominations, from any town or church, with any level of biblical knowledge, are invited! Study guides provided. No charge. Donations appreciated. Contact Judy Pifer (831) 625-2782, [honey1st@aol.com](mailto:honey1st@aol.com).

**Sept. 24 - Meditation (self-guided) for World Peace**, Saturday, September 24, 4 p.m., Devendorf Park, Carmel, in front of the 9/11 Memorial Stone. This is a synchronized World Meditation organized by Unify, Uplift, BethPeace, The Great Silence, & locally Jeanne McCulloch.Peace.Unify.org.

**Sept. 24 - Annual Rummage Sale**, Saturday, September 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carmel Youth Center, 4th Ave. & Torres St. Way too many items to list...including clothing, electronics, furniture, sports gear, kitchen ware, and much more. Support the CYC, donate items for the rummage sale. Drop off on Friday, 12 to 7 p.m. at the Carmel Youth Center.

**Sept. 24 - Camp Vintage Antique Show**, September 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. held at Earthbound Farm Stand, 7250 Carmel Valley Road. (831) 375-6546 or (831) 601-4697.

**Sept. 24 & 25, Oct. 1 & 2 - Arts Habitat presents the 26th Annual Monterey County Artists Open Studio Tour**, a free, self-guided tour of artist studios, September 24 & 25 and October 1 & 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour maps are free and available September 15 in the Monterey County Weekly, and at [ArtsHabitat.org](http://ArtsHabitat.org).

**Sept. 25 - A true community tradition, the 52nd annual Carmel Mission FIESTA**, Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.! Enjoy savory BBQ & Mexican food, delectable libations, and scrumptious desserts, while listening to live

music from The Money Band and shopping the handmade works of many fine artisans. Kids area with games, prizes & food - and new this year is Monterey's #1 youth band, Operation Rock & DJ Frank! FREE admission! Carmel Mission Courtyard, corner of Rio Road and Lasuen Drive.

**Sept. 25 - Congregation Beth Israel, "OPEN HOUSE"**, Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum, Educators and Board Members. Tour the Synagogue and visit a religious school classroom. Light Refreshments will be served.

**Sept. 26 - Southern India Travelogue at Monterey Hostel**. A colorful, adventure packed presentation by Sandy Cohen. The public is welcome. HI-Monterey Hostel, 778 Hawthorne at Irving, New Monterey. Optional Potluck at 6 p.m., FREE Program 6:45 pm. For information call Hostel (831) 649-0375.

**Sept. 29 - Mary Chapin Carpenter** will be at the Golden State Theatre, September 29, 8 p.m. With hits like "Passionate Kisses" and "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," she has won five Grammy Awards (with 15 nominations), two Country Music Association awards, and is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. [www.goldenstatetheatre.com](http://www.goldenstatetheatre.com), (831) 649-1070.

**Oct. 3 - Carmel Woman's Club New Member Tea and Program**, 2 p.m., San Carlos & Ninth. Following an update on Carmel's Centennial Celebration, former mayor Sue McCloud pivots to her CIA career and the gripping Iran hostage crisis backstory that led to the making of the film "Argo". Guests \$ 10. Memberships available. (831) 624-2866 or (831) 915-8184.

**Oct. 7-9 - The Class of 1966 from Monterey High School is celebrating it's 50th class reunion** Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2016. All graduates of 1966 and graduates around those years are invited to attend. Go to [www.montereyhigh-classof1966.org](http://www.montereyhigh-classof1966.org) for details. Guest housing is available, as are grants to attend.

**Oct. 2 - Blessing of the Animals**. Pets in attendance will receive a special, individual blessing and prayer by Pastor Mark at the close of the worship service. Special seating available in the Garden Room during worship. 10 a.m. Free to all. Church of the Wayfarer - Lincoln & 7th. For more information call: (831) 624-3550.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. or later, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing at East side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to gather public input prior to taking action on the proposal described in this notice. Persons interested in the proposal are encouraged to review additional materials available at the Department of Community Planning and Building located at City Hall on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues, phone number 831-620-2010, prior to the meeting date.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the planning commission on or the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**Proposed Action:** Consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny the reissuance of Design Review, Use Permit, and Coastal Development Permit applications for the demolition of the existing Carmel Sands hotel and construction of a new hotel located in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning District (New planning application case numbers: DR 14-36 and UP 14-20).

**Project Location:** NE corner of San Carlos and 5th Ave  
**Parcel Description:** Block 50, Lot 13-20 & south 1/2 of 12 (APN: 010-131-025 and 010-131-026)  
**Planning Case No.:** DR 14-36 and UP 14-20  
**Environmental Status:** IS/MND adopted by the City Council on November 2, 2010  
**Coastal Permit Status:** Required  
**Is this Project appealable to the Coastal Commission?** Yes  No   
**Appellant:** Mark and Susan Stilwell  
**Case Planner:** Marc Wiener, AICP, Community Planning and Building Director

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### LIEN SALE AUCTION ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at 11:15 AM on October 11, 2016 The property is stored at Leonard's Lockers - 816 Elvee Dr. Salinas CA., 93901. The items to be sold are generally described as follows:

NAME OF TENANT	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS
ARELY ESCUDERO	Toys, Dishes, Utensils, Pans, Extension Cords, Toiletries, 6 boxes, and Tires
JAMES CHARLES RIMBEY	Collectables, Clothing, Camping Gear, Fishing Rods, 10 plus boxes, Hobby Equipment
ANGELA MONIQUE VINIEGRA	Bike, Hobby Equipment, Collectables, Tool Bags, Camping Gear, 10 plus boxes
JULIE LYNN FARMER	Trunks, Briefcase, Collections, Dining Table, Chairs, Lamps, Love Seat, Tool Bag Partition, Picture Frames, Bike 10 plus boxes
FRANK CARNERO TORRES	Stools, Dishes/Utensils, Bedroom Furniture, Baby Furniture Clothing/Shoes, Love Seat, Cleaners, Toys, and Office Supplies
ELIZABETH SOTO	Toys, Love Seat, Coffee Tables, Collectables, Dining Table, Appliances, Bedroom Furniture, Rugs, Big Screen TV, Fans, Vases, Patio Furniture, Bike, 10 plus boxes
SEAN TELLY ESQUIVEL	Flat Screen TV, Collectables, Appliances, Wheel Chair, Vacuum, Mini Fridge, Monitor, Desk, 20 boxes
PERRY WAYNE HALL	Cleaners, Suitcases, Collectables, Chairs, End Tables, Clothes/Shoes, Lamps, 15 plus Boxes
PATRICIA ANN DURKIN	Hobby Equipment, Clothing/Shoes, 10 plus boxes
AMACKER/MAUREEN SHIELDS	Wood, Collectables, Dishes/Pans, Tackle Box, Clothing/Shoes, Lawn Chairs, Camping Gear
CLAUDIA ESPERANZA REGALADO	Toys, Collectables, Dishes, Clothing, Video Games, 5 plus Totes, 20 plus boxes

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq of the Business & Professions Code of the State of California. Nor Cal Storage Auctions, Inc. Bond #7900390179