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## Iconic windmill spins again



PHOTO/BARNYARD SHOPPING VILLAGE

Nobody's certain how old The Barnyard shopping center's windmill is, but it was recently refurbished, and now its blades are turning for the first time since 2016.

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LANDMARK along Highway 1, The Barnyard shopping center's windmill is turning for the first time in two years.

Before they built The Barnyard, developers May and John Waldrop bought the windmill from the owners of a farm in Oklahoma, and transported it to Carmel in pieces. A year after the shopping center opened in 1976, it was placed on top of one of The Barnyard's nine "barns." In the early days, it was even used to pump water from a well for the shopping center's gardens. The windmill became such an attraction that a restaurant called

The Windmill opened nearby.

That restaurant was replaced by Robata Grill in 1981. The windmill, meanwhile, kept spinning until 2016, when neighbors complained it was making too much noise.

"When the breeze would pick up it would squeak incessantly," Barnyard general manager Marilyn Schultz told The Pine Cone. "Homeowners complained they were having to wear ear plugs at night to sleep. The decision was made to lash the windmill down and prevent it from turning."

But the shopping center's new owners weren't ready to see the

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## Dave Potter will run for mayor

By MARY SCHLEY

DAVE POTTER was a county supervisor for two decades and held seats on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board and the California Coastal Commission for many of those years. He also served on the Monterey City Council before that. But he's never held office in Carmel, his home since 2006. On Thursday, Potter announced he's running for mayor in the November election that will have voters choosing their favorite candidate for the top office, as well as for two city council seats.

"I love living in Carmel," said Potter, who lives just around the corner from city hall with his wife, Janine Chicourrat, to whom he's been married for close to a decade. "I'm obviously right in the heart of downtown, so I get the perspective of visitors and residents all at once."

### An empty tank of gas

Prior to moving to Carmel, Potter lived in Monterey. He ended up on the Peninsula after he was stranded on Carmel Hill while on his way home to Vail, Colo., where he was a "ski bum," more than 40 years ago.

"I ran out of gas at the top of Carmel Hill, got a job working in a restaurant that first night, and never left," he said. "I was in Monterey for a long time. Monterey is a city. Carmel is a village."

He has two children: Tyler, a land-use specialist for Denise Duffy & Associates, and Sarah, an equestrienne.

Potter said he decided to run because he's



Dave Potter

ready to serve the town and community he's grown to love, and he believes his experience in office will be useful.

"I hope I can be part of a discussion that will help get basic services provided, and the enhanced services residents expect, while ensuring businesses have what they need to be successful," he said.

Priorities include continuing to pay the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau for tourism marketing, supporting public safety, and moving forward with the expansion of the police station.

"I think that's a needed project — I just want to make sure people understand the value of it," he said.

"We have to be constantly vigilant when it comes to safety."

He also favors reasonable building standards that allow people latitude when it comes to constructing houses on their properties. "If you look at the fabric of Carmel and the unique structures that are here, I think that's something we want to preserve while let-

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## Pipeline work to shut Highway 68 overnight

By KELLY NIX

INSTALLATION OF massive, 125-foot-long concrete girders for California American Water's pipeline bridge over Highway 68 in Monterey will require the highway to be closed for five nights starting Sunday.

Beginning June 3, the highway will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., in one or both directions, to allow Cal Am and a contractor to install large precast girders over the road to hold the 36-inch water pipeline. Caltrans, which issued Cal Am a permit for the project, is detouring nighttime traffic.

### Better bring a big crane

Contractor Garney Construction and the project's engineer coordinated the design and construction of the bridge girders — each of which weighs 200,000 pounds — with Caltrans, Cal Am external affairs manager Catherine Stedman told The Pine Cone Thursday. The water bridge will be adjacent to the overpass on Mark Thomas Drive near the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

"There are two 125-foot girders which will be incorporated into the final bridge," Stedman explained. The girders "will be transported to the site under a Caltrans overload permit, unloaded and erected on site utilizing a 250,000-pound crane."

After the girders are put in position, there will be about

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## ROAD SIGNS DEBUT IN PALO COLORADO CANYON

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO MAKE it easier for firefighters and medical personnel to find remote homes in the Palo Colorado area — where 57 houses burned during the Soberanes Fire in 2016, including some that firefighters couldn't locate — the Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade has put up at least a dozen road signs in Palo Colorado Canyon and along the Old Coast Road. But before they could put up the signs, they had to give the roads names.

### Cute, but dangerous

Previously, if you wanted to give someone directions to your house, you said something like, "Go X.X miles up the canyon from Highway 1, turn left and take the middle of three roads for about a mile before passing a rusty old truck, turn left and keep going until you see an oak tree with a swing on the right, and make a sharp left into a driveway that's easy to miss" — a description that lent a certain romance, but would

also make things worse if your home was about to burn down.

Fire brigade chief Cheryl Goetz told The Pine Cone she's received mixed feedback from her neighbors about the signs — some have expressed their appreciation for addressing an important public safety issue, while others were critical of it because they like the privacy that comes from living in a place that's hard to find.

Goetz said the signs were installed because the agencies which supply emergency services have complained it was simply too hard to find many homes in the area, where dirt roads and driveways — many without signs — seem to veer off in every direction.

Goetz said there have been many instances in recent years where emergency workers had trouble finding a particular residence. The problem grew even worse during the Soberanes Fire. "During the fire, nobody knew where anybody was go-

how negotiations are going for the summit between the United States and North Korea, Panetta said.

The White House and Pyongyang are scrambling to salvage the summit, which was planned for June 12 in Singapore, but which President Donald Trump canceled after provocative rhetoric from a North Korean vice minister. Lately, the summit is back on.

### What are the details?

Panetta said he supports direct talks between the countries with a goal of achieving the "complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of North Korea."

However, the congressman stressed the im-

Rep. Jimmy Panetta stands on the South Korean side of the Joint Security Area in the Demilitarized Zone during his May 24-27 trip to the Korean Peninsula. The large building in the background is Panmungak Hall, which is in North Korea.

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