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'Canyon Point', a stunning modern home in the exclusive Gray Head neighborhood of Telluride's Deep Creek Mesa offered at \$11.1 million, sold last month. The home, which was both listed and sold by Christie's affiliate, Telluride Real Estate Corp. agent Steve Catsman, was recently featured as a 'Significant Sale' on the Christie's Great Estates website. This summer, Steve Catsman will be listing a new exceptional property, "Pagomo" (translates to "on the mountain" in an African dialect), in the Gray Head neighborhood. Please visit www.telluriderealtors.com or www.christiesgreatestates.com for additional information or to view other listings.

FROM THE GOLD RUSH TO THE GOLD STANDARD

New Sheridan Gets a Multi-Million Dollar Remodel

There's no doubt that the New Sheridan Hotel is a Telluride icon. Built in 1895, the 26-room hotel has seen its fair share of guests, and has witnessed the evolution of those guests from gold miners to the trendy visitors of today. The hotel's interior was reminiscent of the funky, hippie Telluride of the 70s and 80s it seemed, until it received a multimillion dollar remodel which was unveiled to the public in December.

So what's new? Literally everything! Although the rich historic character of the building has been preserved, the changes bring a very noticeable level of luxury to the New Sheridan Hotel, Chop House, and the historic New Sheridan Bar (which notably, has been voted in the top 10 après-ski spots in the world by Forbes Traveler). Designer Nina Campbell, known for decorating two of Paris' most famous hotels, was responsible for the new interior design which is a seamless blend of local history and modern comfort. The furnishings and fixtures seem to usher the New Sheridan into a new era into which it has emerged as a chic, elegant boutique hotel.

Most noticeably changed perhaps, is the hotel lobby which has been transformed into "The Parlor

Bar", serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, and fabulous wines. The rooms, too, have been taken to the next level of luxury. Each individually decorated and newly soundproofed room and suite



will delight guests with creature comforts such as Egyptian cotton sheets and towels, heated bathroom floors, plush terry robes, flat-screen TVs and walk-in closets. What about those few rooms that used to have shared bathrooms, you ask? They're a thing of the past, as each room now has a private en-suite bath. Guests can also relax after a day of skiing or hiking with a dip in one of two rooftop hot tubs overlooking the center of Main Street, which may be the perfect way to end a perfect day.

The Chop House, too, has had quite a facelift. Window seating has been expanded, booths have been added, the bar has become a thing of modern beauty, and stunning chandeliers grace the dining room. Even the Chef is a new addition. Erich Owen, formerly the Executive Chef of Allred's, is delighting diners with a menu featuring steaks and game, as well as popular new dishes like braised short rib pot au feu. Of course, this is Telluride, so the vibe is still one of casual charm despite the opulence of the revamped restaurant.

There is one part of the New Sheridan that has undergone very little change. The historic Bar, simply put, is too much of a Telluride icon to tamper with. The upper balcony now looks through to the pool hall, but aside from minor changes, everything else remains the same—in a good way.

The New Sheridan Bar is a classic, and thankfully will remain that way.

The next time you're in Telluride, a visit to the "New" New Sheridan Hotel, Parlor Bar, and Chop House is really a must-do. The original iconic hotel of Telluride has blossomed from its remodel as the new place in town to see and be seen.

For more information or reservations, visit www.newsheridan.com.

CAPELLA TELLURIDE

Raising the Bar For Destination Hotels

The Capella Telluride, located in the heart of the Mountain Village core, opened for business this February and is the first Capella hotel to open in the United States. This is the American flagship of a new international luxury brand founded by Horst Schulze, the legendary founder of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel chain. Capella hotels will be less formal than Ritz-Carltons, somewhat smaller in size, and will deliver an even more highly personalized level of service, Schulze has decreed.

For example, each Capella guest will have the use of a “personal assistant,” who will first contact them even before they arrive to determine the guests’ interests and to begin making arrangements for their stay. Rather than a grand public lobby, the hotel has a “living room,” whose access is restricted to hotel guests, where the personal assistants maintain their desks.

Capella Telluride represents the first Telluride luxury resort of this caliber to be located in Telluride. It’s an entirely new vision of refined luxury, pairing the unfettered experience of Telluride with the refinement and services you expect from a five-star hotel.

It’s a place where everyone is at home while every detail has been attended to, from having your ski boots warmed before your next run down the slopes, to warming up with fine wine and delectable dishes upon your return. When every wish is met during your Telluride vacation, a new standard is reached.

The hotel complex consists of two large structures containing 100 hotel rooms, 48 condominiums, a ballroom and new retail space. There is also a large climate controlled underground parking garage. The world-class indoor amenities include the exclusive Capella living room, alpine-inspired spa, indoor pool with floor-to-ceiling retractable windows, fitness center, entertainment venues and kids’ club facilities.

The resort’s two dining venues include Onyx Restaurant, featuring haute alpine cuisine and the elegant Suede Bar offering après ski tapas and evening cocktails.

The Onyx Restaurant, a modern yet sleek setting, creates the perfect balance between the mountain spirit and casual elegance. Deriving its name from the semi-precious stone common to the Telluride area, curved walkways navigate patrons through the restaurant, and eye-catching design elements incorporate onyx in unexpected ways, such as the translucent onyx paneling that surrounds the restaurant’s fireplace. In the summer months, Onyx’s doors open to the outside, offering guests fresh mountain air to accompany their meal.

Onyx’s menu provides extraordinary interpretations of traditional dishes from the best alpine restaurants in the world, complimented by a sophisticated selection of fine wines and aperitifs, unique to Telluride restaurants in Colorado. The Onyx dining concept reflects Chef Gilbert’s background in international cuisine, complemented by the best Colorado ingredients - including locally sourced proteins and produce. Onyx is not just a restaurant, it is an experience in dining. Onyx is open daily for breakfast (7:00 - 10:30 a.m.) and dinner (6:00 - 10:00 p.m.)

A fun and eclectic vision of the Telluride bar, The Suede Bar is the perfect place to lift your glass after a day on the ski slopes. The elegant Suede Bar will be the social epicenter of Capella Telluride, where guests can enjoy a relaxing lunch between spa treatments or reconnect with family and friends for après-ski aperitifs. It promises a departure from the casual lodge pub, providing guests with an upscale meeting space fashioned with dark timbers, supple leather, locally quarried stones and a lounge area surrounding a roaring fire. In addition to local brews and European wines and champagnes, the Suede Bar will also feature signature cocktails.

Lunch at Suede Bar (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) offers a chic spin on casual American cuisine. Guests and locals can dive into Chili Verde with Pork (\$10), a slow cooked Colorado Lamb Shank Panini (\$16) and The Macrobiotic (\$21), a specialty plate featuring steamed king salmon, quinoa, tempe, arame corn salad and arugula Frisee salad. Suede Bar’s après-ski menu is available daily (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.) and highlights local Colorado micro brews complemented by sophisticated small plates from and innovative tapas bar menu, including Senora Cactus Fries (\$10) and Chorizo Mac & Cheese (\$11).

Additionally, Suede Bar serves dinner (6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) from its Mountain Village Comfort Specials menu (\$19), which features hearty meals paired with an appropriate wine or micro-brew to complement the daily dish. Examples include Mondays Marinated Roasted Free Range Chicken, paired with a Gunderloch Reisling Kabinett from Rheinhessen, Germany. On Saturday evenings, Chef Gilbert will create his famous Pad Thai Noodles, served with a Hou-Hou-Shu Sparkling Sake.

visit www.capellatelluride.com



LUMIERE HOTEL ILLUMINATES MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Guests at the newly opened Lumiere Telluride have access to an array of services and amenities that create what hotel management hope is an ideal and personal mountain experience. The 30 warm and inviting suites vary in arrangement from a studio to a four bedroom penthouse. The ski in/ski out property has a tiered design to accommodate as many surrounding mountain views as possible. From the cozy lounge to each well appointed suite, the feel throughout Lumiere is best described as mountain chic. Meaning light in French, Lumiere truly lives up to the namesake bestowed upon it.

To create the most intimate experience possible, Lumiere has replaced the standard hotel lobby with a concierge station to assist guests with their needs. Taking this concept a step further, guests are greeted immediately upon their arrival by staff and taken directly to their room or residence for a private “check in”. As new guests settle in their room, they are provided a full orientation to the hotel’s services, a bottle of wine, an artisan cheese plate and an in room fire to set the vacation mood.

This seven floor property features complimentary high speed internet access, a fitness center, evening room service by La Piazza – a neighboring Italian bistro, eco-friendly products, daily ski valet and boot check and complimentary European breakfast served in bed or the cozy lounge. Speaking of the lounge, this space feels warm and comfortable with a large fireplace and full service beverage and sushi bar. There is also an onsite spa menu featuring massage and body treatments and two deck side hot tubs to enhance your relaxation experience.

Lumiere is a perfect combination of luxurious atmosphere and top of the line amenities, making a stay at this slope side property enjoyable and simple.

To make a reservation, visit www.lumierehotels.com.



'09 MOUNTAINFILM FESTIVAL "Celebrating Indomitable Spirit"

Each year, as spring turns to summer, the Telluride MountainFilm Festival delights with a dazzling combination of heart-pounding, visually stunning, and socially enlightening films and documentaries. Now in its 31st year, MountainFilm has become a locals' favorite and has achieved enough notoriety to pick up world-premier films and big-name sponsors such as North Face and National Geographic. Just as their motto "Celebrating Indomitable Spirit" suggests, the festival aspires to



educate, enlighten, and motivate festival-goers, and seems to accomplish that very goal.

This year's 4-day festival will occur over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25. Although the weekend consists of dozens of films, book signings, ice cream socials, and special events with the filmmakers themselves, perhaps the most anticipated aspects of this year's festival are two particular documentary films.

Making its world premier at MountainFilm this year is "The National Parks: America's Best Idea", directed by Ken Burns—a film that has been 6 years in the making. This film looks to be breathtakingly beautiful to say the least, but ultimately it's about the unique people who have had the vision, dedication and American spirit to make our National Parks a reality.

Also highly anticipated is the documentary, "Reporter", about Nicholas Kristof, the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who brought the crisis in Darfur to the world's attention. While the film centers around Kristof and Darfur, it strives to emphasize the im-

portant role of reporters and their unique ability to bring critical human issues to the forefront of world news.

Uplifting and thrilling, motivational and inspirational, MountainFilm is truly an event worth checking out, and is an extraordinary way to spend the Memorial Day Weekend. Festival information and passes are available through www.mountainfilm.org.

TELLURIDE JAZZ CELEBRATION

New Dates and a Renewed Energy

Since 1977, the Telluride Jazz Celebration has consistently featured the best in classic, mainstream, blues, and international jazz. This annual cultural event produced by the Telluride Society for Jazz combines the finest of nature and music and ranks among the world's most memorable music festivals. It spotlights some of the finest internationally accomplished artists, along with exciting new talent, in a remarkable setting that brings jazz lovers to Telluride from all over the world.

Performances are staged outdoors in the daytime and in intimate clubs, historic concert halls, and the stylish Telluride Conference Center at night, offering various options for intimacy and ambiance.

This year, the Telluride Jazz Celebration will be held June 5th through the 7th and should prove even more festive as it coincides with the 25th annual edition of the colorful Telluride Balloon Rally. From bright balloons floating overhead to the smooth sounds of jazz echoing through the box canyon, this will surely be an event to remember. It will be another fabulous year of musical entertainment, including two of the most popular festival artists, Bill Frisell Trio and Karl Denson's Tiny Universe.

Tickets are available at www.telluridejazz.org or by calling (970) 728-7009. Prices are as follows: Single Day Passes: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$35 (going up to \$50); Three-Day Park Passes, \$99 (\$125) and the Weekend All-Access Pass, \$135 (\$165). Patron Passes: now \$550 (\$675).

APRIL

- 3 KOTO Street Dance
- 5 Telluride Ski Resort Closing Day
- 14-23 Talking Gourds Spoken Word Festival
- Ah Haa School
- 26 Sunday at the Palm - free film
"The Secret Garden"

MAY

- 1 Ballet Folkorico Quetzalli De Vera Cruz
Palm Theatre
- 1 Young People's Theater, "Charlotte's Web"
Sheridan Opera House
- 17 Children's Film Festival - Palm Theatre
- 22 Gondola Open for Summer Season
- 22-25 Mountainfilm in Telluride
- 28-30 Family Theater - Sheridan Opera House
- 31 Telluride Dance Academy Recital

JUNE

- 4 Jazz Festival Exhibit Opening
Telluride Historical Museum
- 4 Retrospective and Opening Gala
Ah Haa School, 5 to 7pm
- 5-7 Telluride Balloon Rally
- 5-7 Telluride Jazz Celebration
- 6 Huck Finn Day - Town Park & Kids Pond
- 6-14 Telluride Playwrights Festival
- 8-14 Wild West Fest
- 11 Western Federation of Miners Exhibit Opening
Telluride Historical Museum, 5 to 7pm
- 12 Cowboy Family Night - Sheridan Opera House
- 13 Carlos Nakai Trio - Sheridan Opera House
- 13 Heritage Day
- 18-21 Telluride Bluegrass Festival
- 21-28 Bike Week
- 25 Moving Mountain Theatre - Telluride Academy
- 25-28 Telluride Repertory Theatre
The Taming of the Shrew, Elks Park
- 25-28 Telluride Wine Festival
- 26-5 Telluride Musicfest - Chamber Music
- 29-5 Telluride Plein-Air



CURRENT FLIGHT SPECIALS

- Los Angeles \$238
- Phoenix \$198
- Atlanta \$228
- Denver \$219
- Dallas Fort Worth \$198
- Boston \$198
- Philadelphia \$260
- San Francisco \$258
- NYC/Newark \$198
- Houston \$230
- Chicago \$206
- Orlando \$224
- San Diego \$240
- Austin \$244
- Washington Dulles \$188

SUMMER TRAVEL PLANNING

With an amazing line up of summer festivals and activities, it's the perfect time to make plans to visit Telluride. The Telluride Airport will be closed for improvements this summer, so here is an air service map and current flight specials to help you get the planning underway.



2009 SUMMER AIR SERVICE

NONSTOP SERVICE FROM
HOUSTON • DENVER • SALT LAKE • DALLAS/FORT WORTH
 With connections Worldwide



Carrier	From	To	Frequency
American Airlines	Dallas/Ft Worth (DFW)	Montrose (MTJ)	70 Seat Regional Jet, Once Daily 6/11 - 8/24
Continental Airlines	Houston (IAH)	Montrose (MTJ)	50 Seat Regional Jet, Once Daily 5/21 - 10/4
Delta Airlines	Salt Lake City (SLC)	Montrose (MTJ)	50 Seat Regional Jet, Once Daily 6/11 - 9/7
Great Lakes Airlines	Denver (DEN)	Cortez (CEZ)	19 Seat Turboprop, 3 Flights Daily
United Express	Denver (DEN)	Montrose (MTJ)	37 Seat Turboprop, 4 Flights Daily

Flight schedule subject to change without notice
 NOTE: Telluride Regional Airport will be closed Apr 7 - Nov 2, 2009. Great Lakes will offer Denver to Cortez service at this time. Cortez is about 78 miles from Telluride.

A VOICE FOR BUSINESSES

What began as a meeting of a group of local businesses in October of 2007 has developed into a full-fledged organization—The Telluride Business Alliance. Although one may assume that the sole purpose of this organization is to serve as a voice for local businesses, it encompasses much, much more.

Business Alliance Meetings are held monthly (and additionally, as needed) to discuss a vast array of issues—from the potential impacts of town construction projects on local businesses, to brainstorming ways in which businesses can work with festivals and the town government to maximize storeowner and visitor experiences during Telluride events. Although the primary function of the T.B.A. is increased communication and cohesion between local businesses, it has become a source of knowledge for the community as a whole. One can contact the Business Alliance office or visit their website for upcoming Town Council Meeting schedules and agendas, local project plans and schedules, airfare specials, and even lodging and airline booking reports.

With Executive Director Meehan Fee at the helm, the Business Alliance has even bigger plans in its sights. Of course, the T.B.A. will continue their current programs, but they look to expand their role even further. On deck for this summer are new programs such as the “Telluride Passport”, which will offer discounts to local businesses in a booklet format that will be fun to use, in addition to offering cost-saving coupons.

The benefits of the T.B.A. will only continue to be realized as the organization spreads its wings and adds new members. Annual business memberships begin at \$350 (\$200 for non-profit organizations), and the Alliance is currently accepting email addresses from anyone who wishes to receive T.B.A. emails. Contact Meehan Fee at 970-728-2910, or visit the T.B.A. website at www.telluridebusinessalliance.com for further information or to be added to the email list.

SELLER MOTIVATED LISTINGS



IDARADO PANDORA 4

One of 37 homesites to the east of Telluride, Pandora 4 boasts river frontage, and spectacular views of Telluride's box canyon, mountains and green spaces, just a short distance from town, via road or walking path. 1.37 acres. OFFERED AT \$1,100,000



232 BENCHMARK

This five bedroom home is located directly trailside to the Galloping Goose Ski Run. Sited to take full advantage of the amazing views, it boasts an indoor/outdoor living area with a sunken Jacuzzi tub, outdoor fireplace, cooking area, outdoor plasma television and more. OFFERED AT \$5,500,000