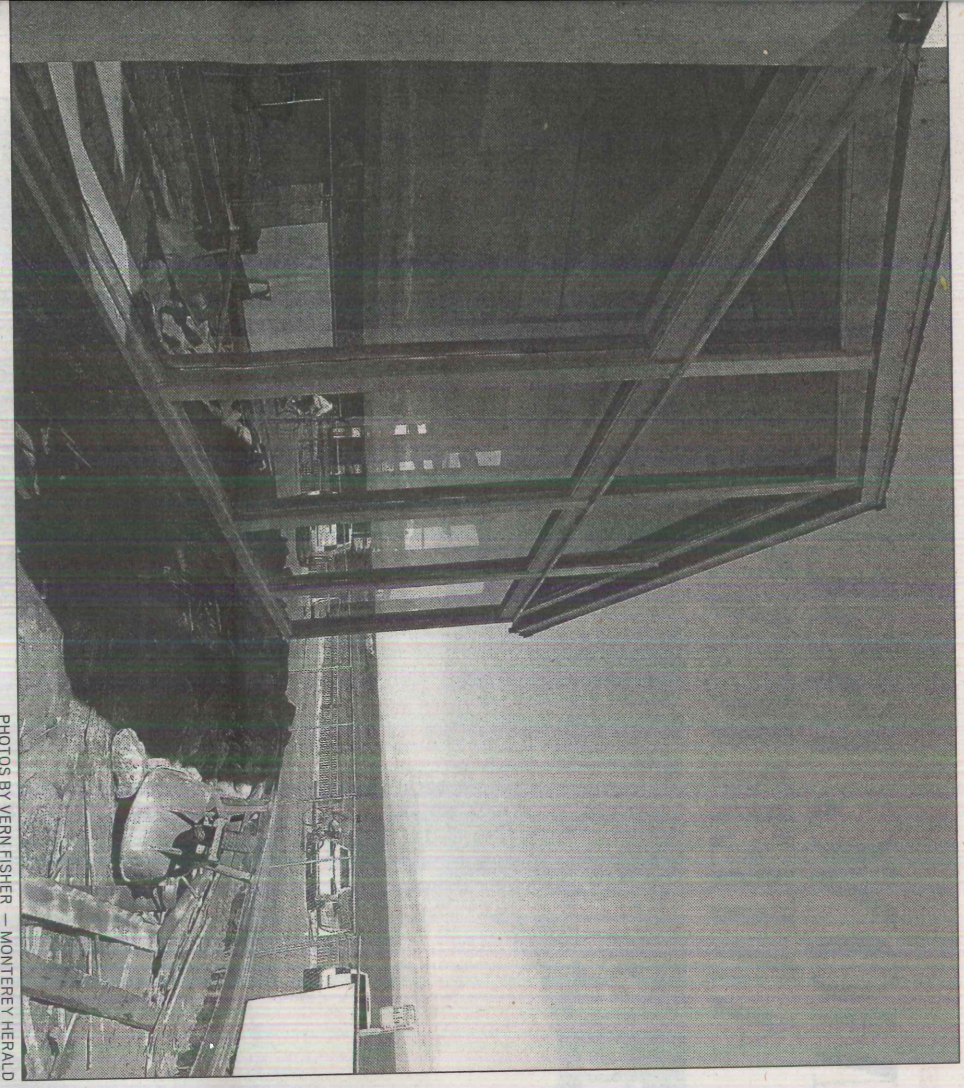


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The Inchpin, it would seem, is for 1:30 p.m. at CPUUC headquar-
the state water board's willing- ters in San Francisco, which is

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ACTION CONTINUES AT FOLD RESTAURANT



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former Lattitudes restaurant in Pacific Grove at Lovers Point Park on Wednesday.



Construction seen from inside at the former Lattitudes restaurant in Pacific Grove at Lovers Point Park on Wednesday.

Mc- project. The contractor Balestrieri Construction was pouring footings, doing framing and replacing roof components, McCord estimated the transformed property would be ready to lease out by late summer.
Now, six months later, McCord said there is no specific information as to future tenants and that such negotiations are highly confidential. Besides a full-service restaurant, McCord had previously mentioned a wine-tasting outfit, a coffee roaster company and a deli-type market as prospective tenants.

"The leasing agent has been talking to people about it but I'm not at liberty to disclose who they are," said McCord, noting that the original plan to include a restaurant and four other businesses has not changed but that the number of businesses could vary depending on market conditions.

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CSU MONTEREY BAY Forum to focus on women in agriculture

By Nicoletta Lanese
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SEASIDE » California boasts many examples of accomplished women in agriculture, technology and ag-tech, and this Wednesday, a powerful group of them will assemble at CSU Monterey Bay.

They are gathering to speak at the "Women in Ag and Tech Entrepreneurship Forum," a half-day symposium aimed at sharing the success stories of women these male-dominated fields. The free event will take place from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the CSUMB University Center Ballroom. The general public is encouraged to attend — students and their parents, in particular.

"People, especially students, like to see success stories," said Bude Su, chair of the School of Computing and Design at CSUMB. She will moderate the panel on Women in Tech on Wednesday. "These women bring powerful stories from their own experience and work environments."

In her computer science undergraduate program in China, only a third of her classmates were women, Su said. But those numbers aren't the worst she's seen, she said.

"Coming here as the chair, I realized the situation is much worse in the United States," she said. "Even if we get them here, my observation is that we have difficulty keeping them in the major." Su noted how it feels to walk into CSUMB's own Network Security course. Out of 30 students seated, there is not one woman.

"When she's in faculty meetings, she looks around and realizes, 'I'm the only woman here,'" said Brad Barbeau, a professor at CSUMB and an organizer of the event, of Su. "She said she's getting really tired of that."

Su is not alone in her desire to see more female representation in technical fields. Amy Wu first approached CSUMB about organizing Wednesday's symposium and will moderate the panel on Women in Ag. As an investigative reporter, she received a grant to write a series of articles called "From Farms to Incubators," which shared the stories of minority women entrepreneurs in ag-tech in the Salinas Valley and beyond.

"The city of Salinas was promoting ag-tech, but I just won-

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las High School. Despite public calls for stricter gun laws, Republican leaders have largely kept quiet after the shooting which left 17 dead and ushered in another phase in the gun debate, prompted in large part by the activism of the young survivors.

Over the weekend, Trump spent time talking to Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, and the White House is inviting lawmakers from both parties for meetings this week. But Trump's ideas to arm many teachers, lift the minimum age for purchasing assault rifles to 21 and impose stricter background checks were falling flat.

"You guys, half of you are so afraid of the NRA," the president said Monday at a meeting with the nation's governors. "There's nothing to be afraid of. And you know what? If they're not with you, we have to fight them every once in a while. That's OK."

Instead, Senate Republi-

FIREARMS After Florida school owners are destroyed

By Lisa Marie Pane
The Associated Press

ATLANTA » One man in updated New York sowed his AR-15 rifle into pieces and posted a video of it on Facebook. A woman in Connecticut did the same with her handgun. Not far from scene of the Florida high school shooting, another man brought his assault weapon to police and asked them to destroy it.

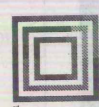
In response to the killings of 17 people by a 19-year-old with an AR-15, some gun owners are waging personal protests against mass shootings.

The AR-15 is the gun drawing the most scorn during these public displays of destruction playing out on social media. Their owners say they love to shoot it, but enough is enough.

Scott Pappalardo is one such gun owner. Sitting in the backyard of his home in Scotchtown, New York, cradling the Eagle AR-15 rifle he'd owned for 30 years, Pappalardo called himself a firm believer in the Second Amendment who considers the rifle his favorite, but said he's pained by the steady drumbeat of mass shootings.

"Here we are, 17 more lives lost. So when do we change? When do we make laws that say maybe a weapon like this isn't acceptable in today's society?" he said in a video on

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1933

Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

1951

The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

1968

At the conclusion of a CBS News special report on the Vietnam War, Walter Cronkite delivered a commentary in which he said that the conflict appeared "mired in stalemate."

1973

Members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children.

1991

Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion as President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

Birthdays

Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 38. Chelsea Clinton is 38.

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Bay Area band has announced plans for an arena tour in 2018-19.

Unfortunately, no Bay Area city is currently listed on the itinerary. Of course, fans have their fingers crossed that they will add a Bay Area date on the this tour. Right now, however, the best bet for locals appears to be a Dec. 7 gig in Sacramento or Dec. 9 in Fresno.

— Jim Harrington, Bay Area News Group

LOTTERY

Daily 3 Afternoon: 1, 1, 9

Daily 3 Evening: 5, 8, 8

Daily 4: 5, 4, 5, 5

Fantasy 5: 17, 24, 31, 34, 39

Daily Derby

1st: 1, Gold Rush,

2nd: 7, Eureka,

3rd: 9, Winning Spirit

Race Time: 1:49.00

SUPER LOTTO PLUS

Saturday's drawing: 6, 15, 22, 29, 38

Mega number: 24

Wednesday's estimated

jackpot: \$13 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Friday's drawing: 7, 11, 13, 19, 58

Mega number: 9

Today's estimated

jackpot: \$222 million

POWERBALL

Saturday's drawing: 24, 25, 38, 62, 63

Powerball: 6

Wednesday's estimated

jackpot: \$293 million

spectors following a sign and construction near disaster that caused the evacuation of almost 200,000 people living downstream from the tallest one in the United States.

Weather

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set a record for Monterey, while Salinas set a record on the same day with a low of 29. But Anderson said the cold weather is gone and will be replaced by wet

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dered how many of those companies were started or led by women," Wu said. "I went looking for the answer and I found women who are entrepreneurs, who are minorities, who are dedicated to agriculture and technology."

The stereotype of the middle-aged, male farmer in the field still reins, said

He pointed to a free program in Louisville, Kentucky, that teaches students coding, which opens up the ability to create computer software, apps

It also requires inspectors to consult periodically with independent experts and makes inspection reports public.

Lecture

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Florida shootings where 17 lost their lives. "Education doesn't end with a degree," said Dodd. "Lifelong learning is essential."

He pointed to a free program in Louisville, Kentucky, that teaches students coding, which opens up the ability to create computer software, apps

and websites. "Seven million jobs depend on coders," said Dodd.

The former senator said workers need to be given the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to move up so they are not left behind as technology rapidly changes. With improved skill sets, workers can lose their anxiety, he said.

"We need to focus on the transformation of the economy and education," said Ayotte. "Tech should

classified as being significant, high or extremely hazardous, and every two years for dams classified as low hazard. Critical spillway control features would be tested each year and witnessed by state inspectors at least every three years.

Restaurant

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ing on the square footage of each. It was back in June that Pat Cisneros, senior vice president of Ritchie Asset Management, the commercial property management company charged with leasing the property, indicated that negotiations with several potential restaurant and retail-oriented tenants were in the works.

McCord stressed that the building, which previously was a combination of five structures built over time, would be brought up to appropriate structural standards and developed into one that could be parceled out separately. That's be-

cause he said that trying to run it as a single restaurant when winter time local patrons are scarce is tough because as a whole, it's a big space to fill.

But Kevin Phillips, owner of the Beach House restaurant at Lovers Point said that he questioned why the property manager was taking a multi-tenant approach when both former restaurants that had previously resided there functioned for long periods of time. Lattitudes, owned and operated by Tene Shake, closed in 2010 and prior to that The Timmy, owned by siblings Richard and Sally Elves operated for 50 years.

The building sat dormant until 2014 when it was purchased for \$2.5 million by Ostrich Inc.,

but he said it was likely based on Monday's weather. "The temperatures are certainly below freezing up there and it has been raining here, so it's been snowing up in the mountains," Anderson said.

Water

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ect is still capable of moving forward on schedule. "We don't believe the threat of litigation will necessarily delay the project or our ability to meet the (river cutback order) milestones," Stedman said, noting that the order allows for consideration of avoiding penalties if delays occur beyond local control.

Three of the parties in the joint filing, including the Peninsula mayors water authority, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Monterey One Water, as well as Land-watch and Surf Rider Foundation, argued for postponing the commission's decision on the Cal Am deal project for a year to al-

low the completion of a full analysis of a potential Pure Water Monterey expansion that would boost the recycled water supply to 5,750 acre feet per year for use on the Peninsula. The parties argued that the expansion could be finished by Dec. 31, 2021, and provide enough water to meet the terms of the cutback order. Cal Am's deal project would follow once a settlement agreement aimed at addressing a range of issues was reached.

Other parties, including the Planning and Conservation League, Marina Coast Water District and Public Water Now, among others, argued the deal project decision should be postponed for up to three years and only pursued if still needed after

the Pure Water Monterey expansion is completed. They argued the CPUC is required to consider all potential alternative water supply projects before granting Cal Am a permit, if it is granted at all, and suggested that litigation and challenges to the deal project would likely delay the project indefinitely unless an agreement is reached among the parties.

Both groups called for petitioning the state water board to substitute the river cutback order's current deal milestones with others marking progress on the Pure Water Monterey expansion, and suggested state water board staff had already indicated such a revision is possible.

If the state water board declines a proposed revision, then some of the parties suggested moving ahead with at least a conditional permit by this summer.

However, Cal Am warned in its filing that it had taken a year to settle the previous outback

California by fellow gun control advocates in Sacramento

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