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MONTEREY

Economic

development

forum set

The Monterey County Business Council's fifth annual Economic Development Forum and Public-Private Partnership Awards Program will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 24 at the Hyatt Regency Monterey.

Speakers include Tom Kilijanek, WorkKeys Western regional manager with ACT, Inc., who will discuss effective workplace readiness programs; Noel Perry, Menlo Park venture capitalist /philanthropist, and founder of Next Ten and 100 Families Oakland; and Doug Henton, of Collaborative Economics, who will lead a panel discussion on innovation and opportunities in the green economy for the Monterey Bay. Winners of economic development and green public-private partnership proposals will be recognized, and a networking reception is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$85 for the full forum, \$50 for morning sessions only, or \$25 for the reception only.

To register, call 883-9443, e-mail info@mcbc.biz or register at mcbc.mcbusiness.org/page/mcbc_econforum .

CARMEL

Quail Lodge makes list

of top golf resorts

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club has made the list of Conde Nast Traveller's 2008 top 100 golf resorts.

The consumer travel publication polled its readers and named the top 100 golf resorts in North America, the Caribbean, the Atlantic, Ireland and Scotland. Quail Lodge earned an overall score of 80.4, securing number 97 out of the top 100 golf resorts worldwide.

The ratings, published in the June issue, are based on nearly 3,000 respondents, evaluating 447 golf resorts visited in the past three years. The annual poll rates properties on course design, speed of play, professional staff, accommodations, service, dining and overall facilities.

WATSONVILLE

Fair planned for

small businesses

Small businesses and agricultural producers in the Pajaro Valley will be showcased during the Pajaro Valley Entrepreneurial Fair and Expo, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 27 on the fourth floor of the Watsonville Civic Plaza at 275 Main St.

Designed to cultivate connections between farmers and businesses, the fair will feature an expo room with local farmers and business owners presenting their goods and services, and an afternoon of bilingual business training sessions and forums.

Keynote speaker will be Carlos Mendoza, Fresno district director of the Small Business Administration, followed by seminars on how to

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start a business, financing and government regulations, how to increase sales and an open forum for farmers and chefs to network and exchange ideas.

The expo is presented by the El Pajaro Community Development Corp., Central Coast Small Business Development Center and the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association. Admission is free.

For information, call 722-1224 or see www.elpajarocdc.org . For booth rental, call 722-1224.

PACIFIC GROVE

Financial adviser

offers seminar

Edward Jones financial adviser Henry B. Nigos will host a free seminar on "Smart Choices in Your Retirement" at 5:30 p.m. July 22 and Aug. 20 at 650 Lighthouse Ave., Suite 130.

For information or to RSVP, call 656-9767.

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