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One805 KickAshBash



Portia de Rossi and Ellen DeGeneres were among the community who gathered to thank first responders and to celebrate community at One805 **12, 13**

Evacuations



The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office issued mandatory evacuation orders effective Thursday, at noon **16**

Citizen of the Year



SBFD Chief Pat McElroy was named Citizen of the Year by Downtown Santa Barbara, seen here with DSB President Matt LaBrie (left) **4**

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Johan Inger's Carmen

PuppetPalooza



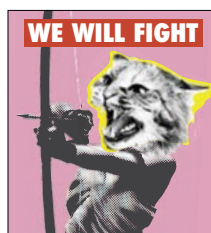
PuppetPalooza flexes for the weather **23**

Music



UCSB's Music Department will host a series of Winter Concerts including a Jazz Ensemble Concert on March 14th **10**

Art



We Will Fight for Planned Parenthood (detail) by Lucy Holtsnider, part of SHE-DEN, will be on view at the Red Barn Project Space starting March 5th **21**

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José Carlos Martínez, Artistic Director

Carmen

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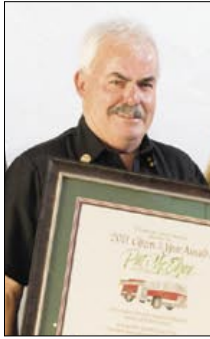
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Downtown Santa Barbara Annual Awards:

Fire Chief McElroy Named Citizen of the Year

By Mark Whitehurst, PhD / VOICE

LOCAL HERO PAT MCELROY, Santa Barbara City Fire Chief and a first responder to the Montecito disasters was recognized and honored as Citizen of the Year at the annual Downtown Santa Barbara Awards Breakfast last Wednesday at the El Paseo Restaurant. Southern California Edison was presenting sponsor.



Santa Barbara City Fire Chief **Pat McElroy**, Citizen of the Year Award recipient

"I am proud of who I work with and the effort that goes on every day and especially the last couple of months," commented Chief McElroy, who served on the command team for the Thomas Fire and the Montecito Debris Flow, where 21 individuals perished. "The courage I have seen in the community... it is important for me to remember... we all did the best we could."

McElroy has been Chief since 2013, and had given notice of his retirement after more than 30 years with the SBCFD, just before the Thomas Fire, according to Paul Casey, Santa Barbara City Administrator, who presented the award stating, "He is a collaborator with a passion

for his job that has never been on display more than these last couple of months."

Also honored at the event was Layla Landeros who received the Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award, with Union Bank's sponsorship. Landeros, a student at San Marcos High School who maintains a 4.4 grade point average has been fully engaged in the Santa Barbara community as president of the AAPLE Academy (Accelerated Academic Program for Leadership and Enrichment); Kids Helping Kids; and founder of the San Marcos Gems, a cheerleader

team for students with disabilities. Her award was presented by Susan Young.

The 2017 Business Champion of the Year Award was given to Tony Arroyo, owner of Los Arroyos, who opened his restaurant Los Arroyos on Coast Village Road to First Responders at the peak of the fire, serving over 800 first responders. "For me it just came out of my heart," stated a humble Arroyo, his comments visibly moving the crowd. Arroyo's award was presented by Joanne Funari of American Riviera Bank.

The 2017 George Gerth Volunteer Award was presented to Traci Taitt of The Towbes Group, Inc., who has been a mainstay of the Downtown Santa Barbara organization for more than ten years and as well as offering her tireless efforts to assist the community. "I do love the city," said Taitt.

The Richard Breza "Excellence in Public Service" Award, given only on special occasions, was awarded to Ginny Brush, retired County Art and Culture Commission Executive Director and former DSB Board member for over 12 years, for her long service and advocacy of art and culture in Santa Barbara. She was one of the key organizers of 1st Thursdays, the Community Arts Workshop, Pianos on State, and the Summer Movies in the Sunken Garden. Brush was also named an Honorary Lifetime Director of Downtown Santa Barbara. This award was presented by DSB's own Kate Schwab.



Susan Young presented the Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award to **Layla Landeros**

Mayor Cathy Murillo addressed the assembly with words of healing and encouragement for the future of the city. Mayor Murillo gave a reverent nod to first responders along with DSB President Matt LaBrie. "Downtown is expressive of who we are, who we have been, and who we will become... it is the intersection of our historic past and our modern culture... it is where we come together," related Mayor Murillo.

Dave Lombardi, the newly appointed interim Executive Director of DSB was the emcee for the event, which was attended by more than 170 civic and community leaders.



Richard Breza "Excellence in Public Service" Award recipient **Ginny Brush** flanked by DSB President **Matt LaBrie** and interim Executive Director of DSB **Dave Lombardi**



Traci Taitt, recipient of the 2017 George Gerth Volunteer Award



Tony Arroyo, recipient of the 2017 Business Champion of the Year Award

UC SANTA BARBARA**Department of Music****Winter 2018 Concert Series****Ensemble for Contemporary Music**

March 7 | 4 p.m. | Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall

Wind Ensemble

March 8 | 7:30 p.m. | Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall

Chamber Choir and Women's Chorus

March 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Trinity Episcopal Church (1500 State St.)

Middle East Ensemble

March 10 | 7:30 p.m. | Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall

Jazz Ensemble

March 14 | 7:30 p.m. | Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall

Music of India Ensemble

March 15 | 7:30 p.m. | Karl Geiringer Hall

Gospel Choir

March 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall

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