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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOTED FOR YOUR FAVORITES FOR 2018!

From well known establishments like The Whaling Station, The Sardine Factory, Rosine's and Old Fisherman's Grotto, to hidden gems off the beaten path like Alfredo's, Pig Wizard, and Compagno's Deli, The Monterey Herald's 2018 Readers' Choice winners represent the best of the best Monterey County has to offer in myriad categories. We encourage you to take some time to go through this amazing publication and make a list of places you've never been - or maybe never even heard of - and then check them out yourself and see what you think. Thinking of going shopping for clothes, shoes, or a new (or used) car? Looking for a new doctor, dentist, travel agent, attorney, CPA, Realtor, financial planner or other business or personal professional? Why not give one of our winners a chance to impress you as they obviously have other readers. Be sure and let them know "I saw you in the Herald!"

Our 2018 Readers' Choice Awards balloting kicked off a bit earlier than in the past couple of years - starting in mid November - and ran through January 2nd. We once again promoted it heavily using print, digital, social media, TV ads, word of mouth and many of our past honorees spread the word with table toppers, stickers, adding the message to vote to their Facebook pages, and even sending out e-blasts to their client lists. With some stiff competition in many of our categories, we always encourage businesses to Rock their Votes in any way they are willing and able. It seems to pay off as we once again had an overwhelming response from our readers. You'll recognize a lot of 2018 winners who frequently take the top spots - but as always, you'll see some new businesses who are first time winners. Please support all of these outstanding local businesses and individuals who work so hard to provide top quality products and services and rely on the patronage of our residents all year round.

We added a couple of new categories this year, upon request, including best dispensary and best TV/radio personality. If you feel there is a category that should be included for the 2019 awards, please let me know and we will consider adding that when we launch voting for 2019 honorees this fall.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to vote, to our fantastic advertising partners, and to the sales staff at the Monterey Herald who worked so incredibly hard to put this section together. We are lucky to have Alyson, Danielle, Elizabeth, Lorraine, Mike, Peg, Rachel and Rick on our team and appreciate their efforts in meeting deadlines (well...most of the time!) If there was an award for Best Sales Staff then I am certain they'd take top honors.



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We all truly hope you enjoy this special section and have an opportunity to stop by and congratulate our winners while you are out and about this year.

Best Regards,

Dana Arvig
Advertising Director

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Best All American Classic Menu

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Artichoke Items

Artichoke Festival

Best Asian Foods

Tommy's Wok

Best Bakery

Paris Bakery

Best BBQ

Salinas City BBQ

Best Bartender

Jerry at Golden Tee @ Monterey Airport

Best Bar or Restaurant to Cure a Hangover

Golden Tee @ Monterey Airport

Best Breakfast

First Awakenings

Best Brew House/Tap Room

Alvarado Street Brewery

Best Brunch

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Best Buffet

Crazy Horse Restaurant @ Red Lion Inn

Best Burgers

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Best Cheese Selection

The Cheese Shop

Best Chinese Food

Tommy's Wok

Best Clam Chowder

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Coffee Shop

Acme Coffee

Best Comfort Food

Rosine's Restaurant

Best Date Night Dining

Sardine Factory

Best Deli

Compagno's Market & Deli

Best Dessert Selection

Rosine's Restaurant

Best Dining for Race Fans

Baja Cantina

Best Dining with Live Music

Sardine Factory

Best Dog-Friendly Eatery

Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn

Best Donuts

Red's Donuts

Best Family Friendly Dining

Rosine's Restaurant

Best Farm-To-Table / Local Fresh

Sardine Factory

Best Fast Food

In-N-Out Burger

Best Fine Dining

Sardine Factory

Best Fireside Dining

Sticks Spanish Bay

Best Fixins' for a Picnic

Bruno's Market

Best French Food

Bistro Moulin

Best French Fries

In-N-Out Burger

Best Fried Food

Crown & Anchor

Best Frozen Drinks

Jamba Juice

Best Frozen Yogurt

MYO Frozen Yogurt

Best Gastro Pub

Alvarado Street Brewery

Best Gluten-Free or Organic

Happy Girl Kitchen

Best Greek Food

Epsilon

Best Happy Hour

Sardine Factory

Best Highway 1 Dining

Nepenthe

Best Historic Restaurant

Sardine Factory

Best Hot Dogs

Pig Wizard

Best Ice Cream

Revival Ice Cream

Best Indian Food

Ambrosia India Bistro

Best In-Hotel Restaurant

Esteban at Casa Munras

Best Italian Food

La Mia Cucina

Best Japanese Food

Crystal Fish

Best Korean Food

New Korea Restaurant

Best Late Night Stop

Crown & Anchor

Best Local / Family Owned Restaurant

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Locals' Menu

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Locals' Secret

Golden Tee Restaurant @ Monterey Airport

Best Mexican Food

Baja Cantina

Best Nachos

Nacho Bizness

Best Restaurant on Cannery Row

Sardine Factory

Best On-Golf Course Restaurant

The Bench at Pebble Beach

Best Outdoor Dining

Nepenthe

Best Pho

Noodle Bar

Best Pizza

Gianni's Pizza

Best Place to Eat at The Beach

Beach House at Lovers Point

Best Place to Satisfy a Sweet Tooth

Rosine's Restaurant

Best Poke

Poke Lab

Best Pub

Crown & Anchor

Best Restaurant Known for Giving Back

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Restaurant to Watch the Sunset

Nepenthe

Best Restaurant Wine Selection

Sardine Factory

Best Romantic Restaurant

Sardine Factory

Best Sandwiches

Compagno's Deli

Best Seafood

Old Fisherman's Grotto

Best Server and Restaurant

Richard at La Mia Cucina

Best Service

Sardine Factory

Best Sports Bar / Restaurant

Peter B's Brewpub

Best Steakhouse

Whaling Station

Best Sushi

Crystal Fish

Best Tacos

Peppers Mexicali Cafe

Best Thai Food

Baan Thai Restaurant

Best Vegetarian or Vegan

Happy Girl Kitchen

Best Vietnamese Food

Noodle Bar

Best Vineyard Wine Tasting (On-Site)

Folktale Winery

Best Watering Hole with Character

Crown & Anchor

Best Wine Tasting Room

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Best Restaurant in Carmel Valley

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Best Art Gallery

Monterey Museum of Art

Best Community Event

Concours d'Elegance

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Pebble Beach

Best Historical Site

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Best Live Music Bar/Club

Baja Cantina

Best Live Performance Venue

Sunset Center

Best Local Band

The Money Band

Best Local Radio or TV Peronality

Dan Green - KSBW

Best Martial Arts Studio

American Karate - Pacific Grove

Best Movie Theater

Century Theater Del Monte Center

Best Museum

Monterey Museum of Art

Best Music/Comedy Venue

Sunset Center

Best Tourist Attraction

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Best College/Higher Learning Institution

Cal State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB)

Best Junior College or Credential Program

Monterey Peninsula College (MPC)

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Best Private School

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Best Tanning Salon

Sahara Sun

Best Tattoos/Piercings

Vaughn Body Arts

Best Waxing Services

Aqua Blue Day Spa

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Mum's Place

Best Garden Center/Landscape Supplies

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Best Consignment Store

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Insight Eyewear

Best Florist

Swenson & Silacci

Best General Store

Prim's General Store

Best Gift Shop

The Quill

Best Golf Accessories

Golf Mart

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Fourtane's Jewelry

Best Local Boutique

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Best Men's Clothing

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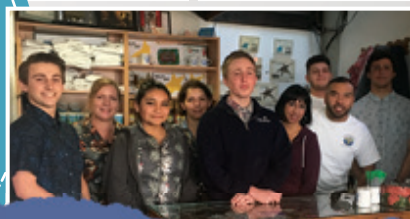
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Second - Sardine Factory
Third - La Mia Cucina
Honorable Mention - Rosine's Restaurant
Honorable Mention - Golden Tee @ Monterey Airport

BEST ARTICHOKE ITEMS

First - Artichoke Festival
Second - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Third - Giant Artichoke Restaurant
Honorable Mention - Pezzini Farms

BEST ASIAN FOODS

First - Tommy's Wok
Second - Chef Lee's Mandarin House
Third - Crystal Fish
Honorable Mention - Noodle Bar

BEST BAKERY

First - Paris Bakery
Second - Pavel's Backerei
Third - Layers
Honorable Mention - Parker Lusseau
Honorable Mention - Rosine's Restaurant

BEST BAR/RESTAURANT TO CURE A HANGOVER

First - Golden Tee @ Monterey Airport
Second - Crown & Anchor
Third - Baja Cantina
Honorable Mention - Crema

BEST BARBEQUE

First - Salinas City BBQ
Second - Italian Cowboys BBQ Catering
Third - Smalleys Roundup
Honorable Mention - Pig Wizard

BEST BARTENDER

First - Jerry at Golden Tee @ Monterey Airport
Second - Aaron at Grasing's
Third - Tatum at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.
Honorable Mention - Ira at Grasing's

BEST BREAKFAST

First - First Awakenings
Second - Rosine's Restaurant
Third - Breakfast Club
Honorable Mention - From Scratch

BEST BREW HOUSE /TAP ROOM

First - Alvarado Street Brewery
Second - Peter B's Brewpub
Third - Post No Bills

BEST BRUNCH

First - First Awakenings
Second - From Scratch
Third - Mission Ranch
Honorable Mention - Crema
Honorable Mention - Rosine's Restaurant

BEST BUFFET

First - Crazy Horse Restaurant @ Red Lion Inn
Second - Mission Ranch Restaurant
Third - Aabha Indian Cuisine
Honorable Mention - Ambrosia India Bistro

BEST BURGERS

First - In-N-Out Burger
Second - Golden Tee @ Monterey Airport
Third - R. G. Burgers
Honorable Mention - Duffy's Tavern

BEST BURRITOS

First - Michael's Taqueria
Second - El Charrito Market
Third - Papa Chevo's
Honorable Mention - Chipotle

BEST CALAMARI

First - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second - Abalonetti Bar & Grill
Third - Grasing's

BEST CATERER /CATERING SERVICE

First - Aqua Terra Culinary
Second - Jeffrey's Grill & Catering
Third - Tarpy's Roadhouse
Honorable Mention - Michael's Catering

BEST CHEESE SELECTION

First - The Cheese Shop
Second - Star Market
Third - Whole Foods

BEST CHINESE FOOD

First - Tommy's Wok
Second - Chef Lee's Mandarin House
Third - Full Moon Mandarin

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We're incredibly thankful to readers of The Monterey County Herald for recognizing our efforts at The Sardine Factory with eleven awards, including "Best Restaurant in Monterey." We were also awarded for Best Service, Best Wine Selection, Best Fine Dining, Best Date Night, Best Happy Hour, Best Restaurant on Cannery Row, Best Historic Restaurant, Best Romantic Restaurant, Best Dining with Live Music, and Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant.

At The Sardine Factory, our staff works tirelessly to provide award winning food, wine, and service that creates a dining experience that's second to none. From the front of the house to the back of the house, it's because of their dedication to excellence that we may celebrate these awards together.

To all our staff at The Sardine Factory: We're truly honored by your dedication to bringing the very best to our customers each and every day. We could not do this without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We love you all!

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READERS' CHOICE WINNER

Best Restaurant in Monterey
Best Fine Dining
Best Restaurant on Cannery Row
Best Historic Restaurant
Best Service
Best Wine Selection
Best Date Night
Best Happy Hour
Best Romantic Restaurant
Best Dining with Live Music
Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant

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CREATING COMMUNITY

CROWN & ANCHOR WINS LOYALTY OF LOCALS AND GUESTS

BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

At a glance, some people might imagine Alvarado Street's Crown & Anchor is a tiny British pub where people duck in for a pint of ale. They're not wrong – although 2,400 sq. ft is not small – but that likely wouldn't be enough to win them four First-, three Second-, and two Third-place Reader's Choice Awards in the Monterey Herald's 2018 balloting.

Other folks might say the prize-winning pub is a local favorite because it keeps its menu open till midnight, holds its bar open until 1am, and shuts the doors by 2. Or that it offers comfort food in vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and conventional options.

"These days, people have so many different needs, preferences and ailments, it's important to accommodate everyone," says owner Tony Sutton-Deakin.

"That's how you create community." British-born Sutton-Deakin, who opened the pub 22 years ago, will tell you it's because the place offers good food and good cheer, and because it's a friendly, welcoming place with a dynamic atmosphere, which has earned the loyalty of a lot of regular patrons.

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(OUR) PLACE OFFERS GOOD FOOD AND GOOD CHEER, AND BECAUSE IT'S A FRIENDLY, WELCOMING PLACE WITH A DYNAMIC ATMOSPHERE, WHICH HAS EARNED THE LOYALTY OF A LOT OF REGULAR PATRONS.

The term "pub" comes from "public house," a private home opened to the public, says Sutton-Deakin, where people can eat, drink and be merry.

"I came up with the name," he says, "because it's authentic. The crown represents royalty. And I come from Portsmouth, a port city and naval base on England's south coast, with a great maritime history, which I love. So, being by the Monterey Harbor, it all works."

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As a young man growing up under the wing of a US Naval aviator, Sweeney had the opportunity to live in Monterey for elementary school (La Mesa). After a 3 year tour through Sicily and western Europe, he returned and attended Monterey High. Feeling blessed to call the peninsula home, he again returned after obtaining his degree in Business Admin with a Finance emphasis. Sweeney said, "I take great pride in immersing

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Honorable Mention - Old Fisherman's Grotto

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Third - Old Fisherman's Grotto

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Second - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Third - Grasing's

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Second - Randy's Sandwich Shop
Third - Ike's
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BY DANA ARVIC

When David Marzetti was informed he'd been named as the 2nd place winner in the new category of "Favorite local TV or Radio Personality," he was delighted. It was my honor to be able to be the one to tell him that news - and to be able to announce it live on air as a guest on his radio show made it even more special.

As host of the weekly Shagbag Radio show, Marzetti brings together guests from a variety of local industries and nonprofits to allow them a chance to get the word out about what they do and how they do it. He has interviewed celebrities, chefs, entrepreneurs, politicians and business owners for nearly 17 years. The SHAGBAG SHOW airs live from Del Monte Golf Course every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. on 1460am/101fm KION and streams worldwide via iheart radio. The show began the first week of April in 2002 and Marzetti has hosted about 880

shows - he's never missed one - interviewing more than 3,500 guests with 4-5 guests per show. Although some have been celebrities, most have been local business owners. He is proud to be able to use the show as a vehicle for local business owners to get their message out. Marzetti said "I also provide airtime for local non-profit organizations to promote their causes and feature their events." He also noted that the name "Shagbag" was inspired by a weekly column that was written by former Herald sports writer, John Hallisey.

In addition to hosting Shagbag, Marzetti is a well known community member who can be found hosting and emceeing events, and even using his vocal ability singing with the band. He has also been the Stakeholder Engagement Manager at the MCCVB for 10 years. He definitely stays busy but seems to be enjoying every minute of it. Congratulations to you David! ■



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BY DANA ARVIC



Kimberly Flores and Jim Myrick.
Photo courtesy of Dave Morgan.

What is the Power of Why? Just ask the winner of the 2018 Monterey Readers Choice for Best new real estate agent, Kimberly Flores. Flores says "The Power of Why means waking up everyday with purposeful intention." Wanting to embrace a new career that allowed her to be herself in helping make dreams become a reality was an easy transition for her in pursuing a career in real estate. In her first 8 months, she has proven to be an exceptional team player with KW Coastal Estates, and continues to earn accolades and praise from her peers. A military veteran, born and raised on the central coast, she credits her success to her faith, inner drive, discipline, the support of her family, friends and mentorship from some tremendously experienced veterans from the Monterey peninsula real estate scene. Responding to those who have told her she makes it look easy, Flores says, "Your mindset is everything. Real Estate is not for everyone, it's not easy and I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity." When not selling homes, showing homes or holding open houses, you can often find her on the golf course, running the trails, or anywhere that involves her family. She's an avid golfer, runner and Bay Area Sports fan who looks forward to building continued friendships and relationships with her existing client base, future clients and all of the organizations that make being a Realtor possible. Kimberly Flores looks forward to earning your business. To find out more about how she can assist you with your real estate needs, call or text her today at 831.224.0020, or email kaflores@kw.com. ■

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BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON



John DeFloria, Left, and Aram Stoney, Co-Owners of Big Sur Canna + Botanicals

Whether for medical or recreational purposes, the mission of Big Sur Canna + Botanicals is to provide people with an educated approach to buying and using cannabis, so they may understand all health aspects of it in creating balanced, healthy lives.

Perhaps this is why they won the Reader's Choice Award for best cannabis dispensary.

"What sets us apart is the attention we give our customers," says Aram Stoney, co-owner with John DeFloria, of Big Sur Canna + Botanicals in Carmel. "We care about the people we serve and want them to understand the products and the best practices for them."

Stoney and DeFloria opened the dispensary in 2014 because they saw a need in the community for local representation of cannabis in terms of education and product.

"Our goal is to highlight cannabis for what it is, not to treat it as it has been seen for years," says Stoney, "but to destigmatize it. We do that by helping people understand what it's all about and what it can do for health and wellbeing."

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BEST STEAKHOUSE

First - Whaling Station
Second - Sardine Factory
Third - Grasing's

BEST SUSHI

First - Crystal Fish
Second - Ocean Sushi
Third - Sushi Time

BEST TACOS

First - Peppers Mexicali Cafe
Second - Sarita's
Third - Baja Cantina
Honorable Mention - Michael's Taqueria

BEST THAI FOOD

First - Baan Thai Restaurant
Second - Pacific Thai Cuisine
Third - Siamese Bay

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Second - Ambrosia India Bistro
Third - El Cantaro
Honorable Mention - Tillie Gort's Cafe

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“THC has a more euphoric, psychoactive component, whereas CBD is non-psychoactive or non-euphoric, and is used to mitigate things like seizures, inflammation and anxiety,” Stoney says. “I argue there is some perceived psycho-activity, as it does calm you and ease your mind. But it isn’t about getting high.”

It comes down to this. People who suffer from anxiety can pop a couple of Ativan, says Stoney, or they can take a drop of CBD.

“Anybody who is considering cannabis but is a little apprehensive,” says Stoney, “should talk to a friend — even in our senior community, conversations are changing. I guarantee, someone at the bridge table is exploring cannabis — or they can come in and chat with us. There’s no pressure, no need to feel intimidated. Cannabis is normal, it’s safe, and it’s worth looking into.”

For those interested in trying cannabis, Stoney has found that CBD is usually a good starting point, particularly for those worried about putting their mind in

an altered or euphoric state. Even if Stoney or his staff feel the client could benefit from a combination of THC and CBD, they respect the client’s wishes and start where they are.

Stoney’s father-in-law, 87, has always been proud to say he’s never smoked a joint. Yet, after taking a tincture of cannabis to mitigate gout, he’s pleased to say his health has improved, and he’s proudly wearing his Big Sur Canna + Botanicals hat.

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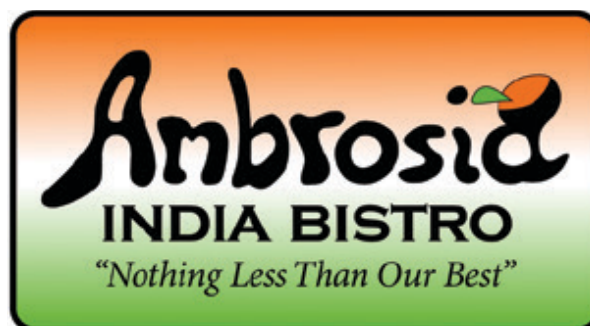
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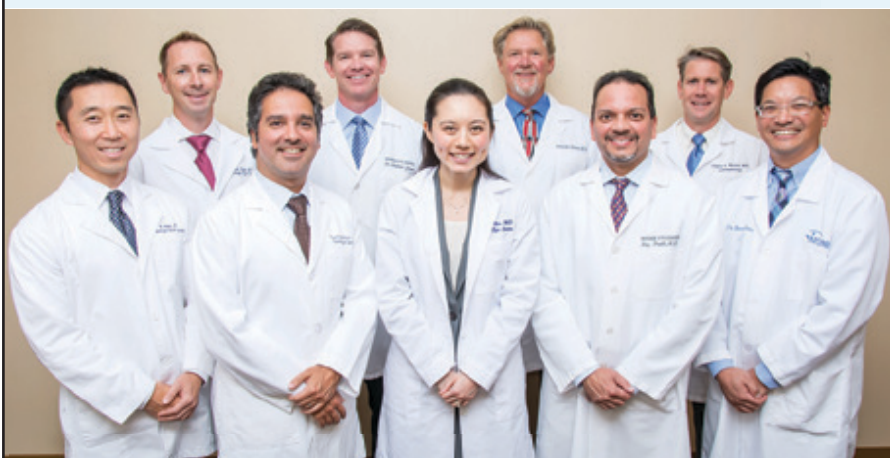
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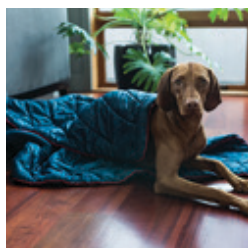
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BLISS BOUTIQUE

CUSTOMER SERVICE IS STILL IN FASHION

BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

Mia Cruz sees fashion as an art form. She appreciates the texture and color of clothing, the sculptural elements of shape and form, the feel of beautiful fabrics, and the details of design. As the owner of Bliss Boutique, now with locations in both Salinas and Monterey, she would much rather sell the artistry of apparel than the label.

First and foremost, Cruz would rather help a woman enjoy her shopping experience, feel good about herself, and discover something she finds fashionable. She would rather create a community of clients.

Perhaps this is why Bliss Boutique came in first among Monterey Herald Readers for best local boutique.

From the start, Cruz's goal has been to create a place where women can unwind, take time for themselves and indulge a little, whether they are on the run, on a break, or on their way home from work.

"I try to create a positive shopping experience for each customer," says Cruz, "by engaging them in conversation to learn who they are and how their day is going. I want them to feel good, not only about what they're taking with them, but about the experience they had."

With 18 years invested, a first-place award for best local boutique, and an honorable mention for best women's clothing, Cruz seems to have created a popular and profitable business. But it wasn't always her path.

The UC Santa Barbara graduate was working in the nonprofit sector when she realized she really missed the "boutique vibe" of Santa Barbara. That she'd never had a store did not stop her from opening one.

Armed with a fascination for fashion, an eye for design, a mind for business, and a whole lot of determination to create a place that catered to women of all walks, she applied for a business license. Unprepared to register the name of her

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business, she quickly thought of “Bliss,” the song she’d been singing to in the car, and wrote down “Bliss Boutique.”

Before the ink was dry, Cruz realized how satisfying, how appropriate, how inviting the name sounded for a place established to make women feel good.

“Bliss appeals to a wide diversity of customers,” she says. “It seems like a mother-daughter store. I have the young girls who come in to dabble, as they begin to shift from sweatshirts and tennis shoes to fashion. And, I have the woman, 60 or better, who wants a beautiful sweater and necklace.”

Cruz was set to open a second Bliss Boutique when the recession hit, causing her to pull back, hold tight and wait out the storm. “I was in my heyday, when customers would lay down \$500, grab and go,” she says. “Then it faded to. . .crickets. It took me three years to rebuild my business, but I was patient. I believed in Bliss.”

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- MIA CRUZ

When Cruz decided it was, once again, time to grow, she knew she needed to rival her Salinas location, an Art Deco building, with rolling walls, cutouts, and huge chandeliers. She wasn’t sure she could match this beautiful custom building, until a space opened up in the Rodriguez-Osio adobe, completed by Jacinto Rodriguez in 1849.

“I knew this adobe building was the right size and structure to create the ambiance I wanted,” says Cruz, “and the location is a really good fit. Salinas is a locals’ market, but Monterey has a mixed demographic of locals and tourists. I wanted to cater to the diverse clientele and still be true to who I am and what I do.”

This past October, Cruz opened her second Bliss Boutique under the same concept as the first, but designed to cater to her target audiences.

“What I do, what I bring into the boutique, has to feel intuitively right,” she said. “But I’m also learning every day. That’s important if I want to keep things fresh and relevant. My inventory moves super-fast, and I need to keep it interesting and visually stimulating, to keep our regular customers excited.

While Bliss Boutique carries clothing to suit different tastes and standards, Cruz is clear that her apparel has a junior contemporary cut. Young women find it true to size, while more mature women tend to size up. “But everyone really seems to enjoy the look,” she says. ■

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BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

The large, multi-paneled dog painting on the hill lets you know you've arrived, tells you it's time to turn off Highway 68, and serves as the unofficial symbol of The SPCA for Monterey County.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), housed on 218 acres across the foothills of Monterey, is dedicated to serving all animals in need, from dogs and cats, to horses, wildlife and exotic animals, like macaws, snakes and bearded dragons. It also serves children.

The agency that shelters homeless, neglected, and abused pets and livestock, which rehabilitates injured wildlife and aids domestic animals in distress, educates more than 5,000 campers each year, helping kids learn how to respect and care for animals, developing a compassion and empathy they can transfer to the animals and people in their lives.

"When we teach compassion for animals, it expands to the people in our lives and affects the community at large," says Beth Brookhouser, SPCA director of Community Outreach.

Since 1905, the vision of the SPCA for Monterey County has been that all animals in the local community are safe, healthy, respected and valued. Thus, their mission has been to ensure compassionate treatment of all animals through rescue, rehabilitation, protection, and education.

"We are not a chapter of any other SPCA, nor are we part of the ASPCA," says Brookhouser. "We are a nonprofit, donor-supported humane society, dedicated to serving all animals and the people of this community."

This dedication earned the SPCA for Monterey County three First-Place awards, as well as a Second-Place tie, Third-Place award and an honorable mention in the Monterey Herald's Readers' Choice Awards.

"What we do would not be possible without the support of this community," Brookhouser says. "It costs about \$1,200 to get each animal ready for adoption, and adoption fees don't come close to covering that. We rely on donations, all of which serve local animals and don't go anywhere else."

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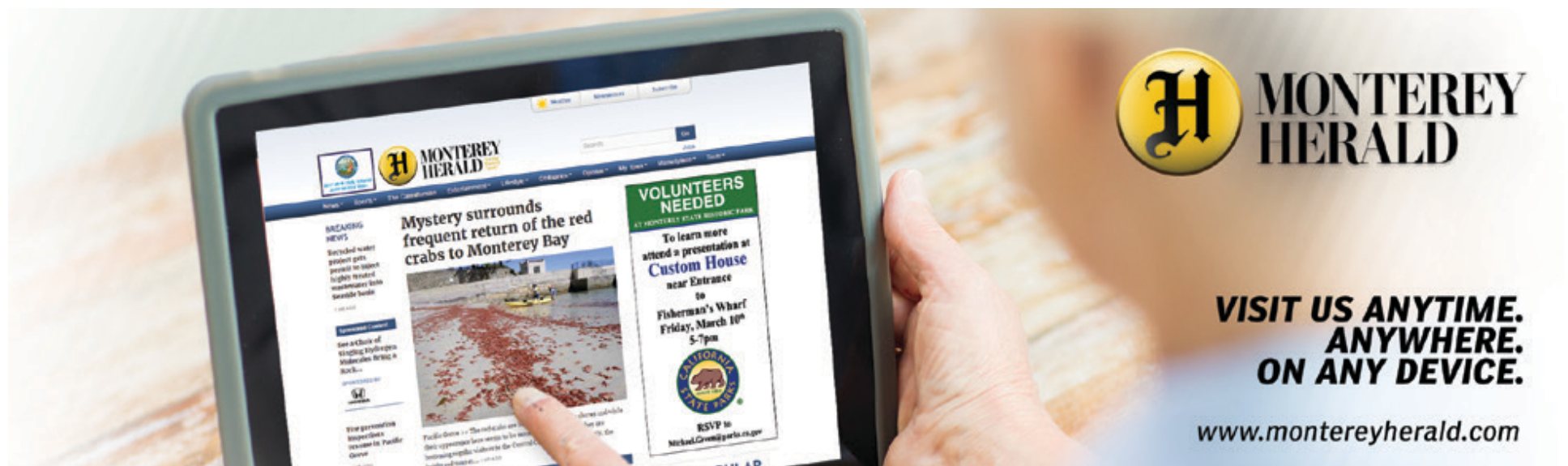
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Open seven days a week, the SPCA is the only open-admission shelter for Monterey County, says Brookhouser. If a person can no longer care for their animal, for whatever reason, they can surrender the animal to the shelter, no questions asked. "We also are the only humane investigation unit in the county," she says, "which means we will rescue animals from abuse and neglect 24 hours a day."

While the organization is open from 8am to 5pm daily for animal surrenders or to look for a pet, and adoptions are scheduled between 11am and 5pm, their voicemail system makes clear that someone is available 24 hours a day to address animal cruelty or emergency.

"We have such a broad mission and wide range of programs," Brookhouser says. "People may not realize the depth of our services. Most important is that we never close our doors to animals in need. We are available to all animals."

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The tagline is, "When you're having breakfast, we're cooking your dinner," says owner Larry Ingram. The slow-smoking process takes time; sometimes hours, sometimes days.

"Taking cues from different styles of barbecue, we use traditional recipes with unique rubs and consistent processes," says Ingram who, with his sons Larry, Eric and Franz, own RS BBQ, which runs eight different barbecue restaurants.

At each location, the ribs, brisket and tri tip are popular, but the Ingram family knows, it's all about the barbecue. And they've worked a long time to get it right.

When the family noticed an old BBQ joint for sale in Morgan Hill in 2002, son Franz took a great interest in the place. Ingram, who was working in the tech industry, bought the

place, and the family has been barbecuing ever since. Once the business grew to three locations, each son took the helm.

"I think we've been successful," says Ingram, "because we know it's important to serve a good product, but it's also important to create a hospitable environment. Each location has its own personality; we try to become neighbors, the community barbecue."

The Ingrams consider their business a family of barbecue restaurants. Like family, they all have a common core, but each member is a different, with its own character.

With the recent opening of Crossroads BBQ in Carmel, the family-owned business has grown to eight locations, with Franz serving as the "barbecue master."

The Ingrams are excited to introduce their BBQ business to Carmel, particularly Larry, Sr. and wife Teresa, who used to hang out on Carmel Beach during high school. In 1974, the couple, who now live in Gilroy, honeymooned in Carmel and returned to that same beach. Probably to barbecue. ■



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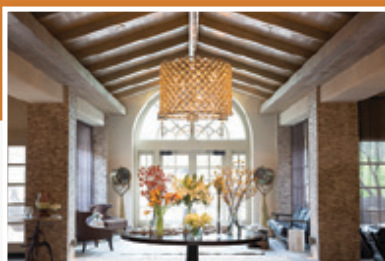
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LET THEM EAT CAKE

AT ROSINE'S RESTAURANT, PEOPLE START WITH DESSERT

BY LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

One has to wonder if Rosine Culcasi understood, in the early '80s, when she began selling her signature four-layer cakes in her eponymous café at Del Monte Shopping Center, if they'd be as popular among her customers as they were around her family dining table.

Today, customers who visit Rosine's Restaurant on Alvarado Street in Monterey, where she and her husband Jim moved the business in 1986, understand, if they want to guarantee their favorite flavor will be available by the end of their meal, they'd better order a slice first.

Some people call ahead.

Cake slices are so generous, guests can't finish them in one sitting — or shouldn't, says grandson Chris Culcasi. Diners often order their cake in to-go box, take a few bites, and then bring it home.

"People know, if they don't reserve their slice, there's a good chance it will be gone by the time they've finished dinner," says Chris. "When people want Rosine's cake badly enough to call ahead and pay for it, we'll have it for them."

This is only one of the reasons the renowned restaurant won four First-place awards, two Second-place awards, and seven Honorable Mentions in the Reader's Choice awards. The main focus was dessert selection, comfort foods, family friendly atmosphere, and breakfast.

"This is a very family friendly restaurant," Chris says. "When we're busy, we're loud. We welcome everyone."

Although Rosine, who celebrated her 80th birthday in January, and Jim, who will turn 86 this year, have retired from the popular American-style café, Rosine's signature cakes, homemade soups, and that remarkably creamy ranch dressing are still made daily, just the way she did them.

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When the restaurant moved to Alvarado Street, son Jim, Jr. and daughter Annette Culcasi Ivers took the helm, while their parents remained involved. Two years ago, after 37 years in the business, Annette also retired, says Chris. Today, Jim, Jr. and his wife Susan Culcasi, and their sons, John and Chris, run the popular restaurant which, says Chris, offers American cuisine with an Italian flare.

Other than dessert – which, in addition to cakes, includes cookies, custard, pies, pudding, cheesecake and brownies – the lasagna is legendary. But the menu is huge, offering something for everyone who sits down to breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Although specials change daily, the menu changes just once a year. It's hard to make many changes, says Chris, as customers are so used to their favorites, and count on them. Some people have been coming since the restaurant opened, in 1986. Others sit in the same booth every time or order the same dishes or look for their favorite servers.

"People love our servers, who also love them," says Chris. "We have a base of very loyal, generous customers, who feel at home here. We've seen customers pay the tab for other customers in military uniform. Everyone sings when it's a birthday. We have a warm and friendly atmosphere, and our customers have a lot to do with that." ■



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The Salinas Downtown Rotary Club was selected as best member organization for businesses in the 2018 Monterey Herald Readers' Choice Awards. One of the events that makes this club so special (and so much fun!) is their annual fundraiser, Pigs, Pinot & More. On March 2nd, the club will be hosting its 9th annual event that brings the flavor of Monterey County's wine country and gourmet nibbles to a growing crowd of attendees. This year, the location will be at the spacious Jet West Hanger near the Salinas Airport where guests will be treated to delectable bites, while sampling award winning Monterey County wines. For a full list of participating chefs, wineries and ticketing information, visit the Pigs, Pinot & More page on Facebook.



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All proceeds will benefit the Charitable Fund of the Salinas Rotary Club. In the past eight years, nearly \$450,000 has been raised by the event, affording the club the opportunity to support many local organizations and programs, as well as international Rotary projects. With a mission of making an impact in our community, ongoing programs include recognizing Salinas High School Student of the Month, 5th Quarter post football game dances, and Sober Grad night. Mt. Toro Student of the Month and quarterly recognition BBQ's are club member favorites as well. The Club also funds four \$1,000 Rotary scholarships each year to a deserving Senior at both Salinas High School and Mt. Toro. Pigs, Pinot & More tickets and additional information can be found at www.pigspintoandmore.org or on the Pigs, Pinot & More Facebook page. Guest must be 21 or over to attend. Congratulations Salinas Downtown Rotary Club and cheers to all you do for the community! ■

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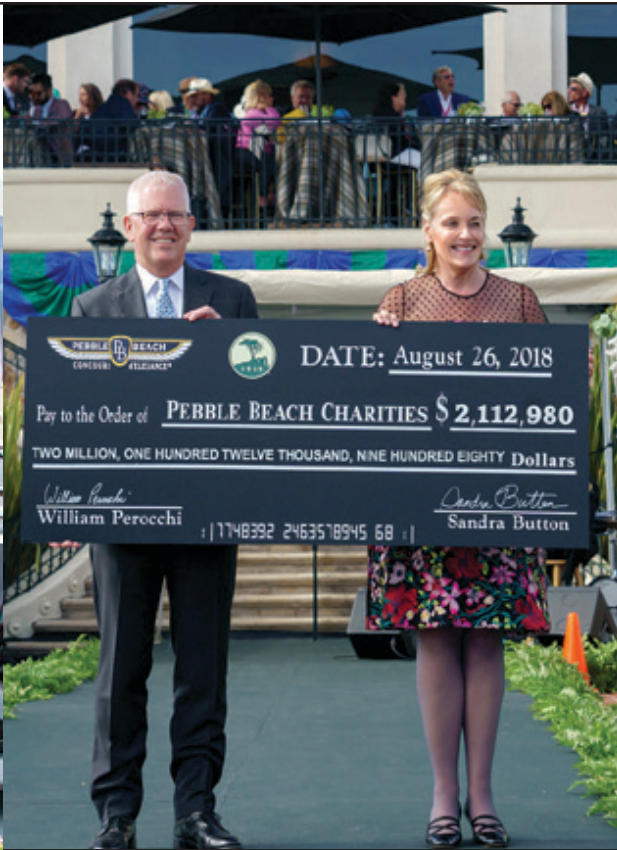
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