

## Business news

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### **Bettencourt joins Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa**

The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa has announced Heidi Bettencourt as its new director of sales and marketing.

Bettencourt's duties include Schooners Coastal Kitchen & Bar, Vista Blue Spa and Cafe La Strada.

She will function as the leader of the property's sales department and work closely with General Manager John Narigi.

### **Worthingtons listed among top trial lawyers**

The National Trial Lawyers organization has announced Thomas S. Worthington and Brian M. Worthington of The Worthington Law Centre in Salinas have been selected for inclusion into its Top 100 Trial Lawyers.

The National Trial Lawyers is a professional organization comprised of the premier trial lawyers from who have demonstrated exceptional qualifications in their area of the law, specifically criminal defense or civil plaintiff law.

### **Carmel Realty joins Christie's network**

Christie's International Real Estate, a luxury real estate network

[↗](#) and a subsidiary of Christie's auction house, has awarded Affiliate status to Carmel Realty Co.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary, Carmel Realty focuses on high-end real estate, representing buyers and sellers in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley, and Big Sur.

### **Pebble Beach Resorts wins 2013 Gold Tee Award**

Pebble Beach Resorts has received the 2013 Gold Tee Award by Meetings & Conventions magazine.

Given annually to outstanding golf and meeting properties, the Gold Tee Award honorees were nominated and selected by more than 50,000 readers of the publication based on each property's overall excellence.

### **Hospice Foundation names chairwoman**

Kelly V. Vásquez of Monterey has been elected chair of Hospice Foundation's board of

directors for a two-year term that began July 1.

Other board leaders are Dr. James R. Valentine, vice-chair, and Mark Boitano, treasurer both of Carmel; Nanci Markey of Pebble Beach, secretary; Nancy Porteous-Thomas of Carmel, member-at-large.

Continuing their board service are Cathy Faber and Rev. Bill Rolland, both of Pacific Grove; Ralph W. Thompson III of Pebble Beach; John Young of Naples, Fla; Cheryl Heyermann of Carmel Valley; Lorri Koster of Salinas; Mikel Ann Miller of King City; Steve Merrell of Hollister; and Carmel resident Myrna Brandwein.

Jean Duff of Pebble Beach is emeritus and Larry Daniels of Salinas is an honorary member.

Founded in July 1997, Hospice is a nonprofit philanthropy that raises funds and makes grants to support hospice and other end-of-life care services in Monterey and San Benito counties.