



Space NK Apothecary employees Audrey Adler, manager Kay Matthews, and Shanti Renee opened the London-born boutique in Montecito in July



Glamour House opens pop up location on Coast Village Road; Kayla Picciuto, owner Ann Picciuto, and Mindy Denson run the satellite shop



Read 'N Post manager Jan Hendrickson and post office clerk Robin Machado re-opened the popular card and gift store in March



Store manager Wendy Figueiredo opened Calypso St. Barth in Montecito Country Mart in September



Allora by Laura owner Laura Dinning opened her store in July



Sharon Egan and Rossell Studer open pop up shop featuring bread and juice

1046 Coast Village Road in April 2012. Managed by **Jan Hendrickson**, Read 'N Post features the largest selection of magazines in the Santa Barbara area, as well as greeting cards, gifts, and other items.

In April, the Mart welcomed Pressed Juicery, the company's 10th location. The satellite shop is filled with juice made fresh every day in Los Angeles; the store features about three-dozen varieties of juice, water, and other drinks.

July marked the opening of Intermix, a men's and women's clothing store with over 35 locations in the United States and Canada. The trendy boutique opened in a section of what used to be Vons Pharmacy, which relocated next to Starbucks last year. Next door, Space NK Apothecary opened its doors in July. Named after founder **Nicky Kinnaird**, Space NK is a London-based company with two-dozen stateside stores and 62 stores in the UK; the store features an edited selection of the world's best beauty products, according to store manager **Kay Matthews**.

On the other side of Intermix, another new addition to the Mart opened its doors in September: Calypso St. Barth is a boutique featuring a mix of casual and elegant women's clothing, accessories, and fragrance. Known for its upscale resort wear and home goods, the company has close to 40 shops throughout the country.

On October 1, a new specialty home and lifestyle shop opened its doors next door to Rori's Creamery. The store, Mate Gallery New York, is owned by **Ron Brand** and **Matt Albiani**, who say they hope to bring a little East Coast style to Montecito.



Mate Gallery New York proprietors Ron Brand and Matt Albiani

Mate Gallery features vintage pieces, photographs, oil paintings, and more, all sourced from either East Coast vendors or estate sales from around the world. The collection includes vintage books, tabletop accessories, ocean paraphernalia, tapestries, and some new items, including a skincare line by Ursa Major, and Sea Bags, reusable bags recycled from old sails.

The stores joins other specialty stores in the Mart, which is also home to Toy Crazy, Malia Mills, One Hour Martinizing, Montecito Barbers, Xanadu Bakery, Little Alex's, Panino, Montecito Natural Foods, James Perse, Rori's Artisanal Creamery, and pet store George. There are still two empty spaces next to Mate Gallery New York, and a corner space once slated to be a restaurant is still for lease.

*Coast Village Road*

In March, the 1,200-sq-ft building at 1080 Coast Village Road changed hands. The standalone building, once home to Village Pool Supply, and more recently Coast Village Rug Company, was bought by **Jeff Menelli**

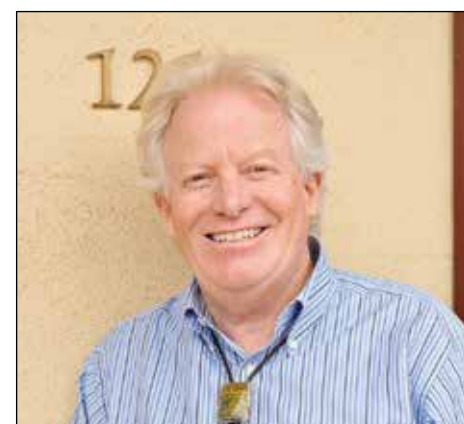
for an undisclosed purchase price. Mr. Menelli plans to use the space to operate his tile and design business; construction is currently taking place on the property.

May marked the opening of Sterling Properties & Estates, a Santa Barbara-based real estate service. The new office is located at 1225 Coast Village Road. Owners **Michael Humphrey** and **Staci Caplan** and their staff handle multimillion-dollar deals, as well as smaller real estate transactions.

After being vacant over a year, the space at 1269 Coast Village Road was filled with a new clothing boutique in July, called Allora by Laura. Owned by Santa Barbara native and former Antoinette creative designer **Laura Dinning**, the shop offers several European clothing collections. Much of the clothing is Italian knit wear, cashmere, and silks, designed to be styled together to create a casual but refined look. Dinning also carries denim, cashmere tees, and 100% certified Mongolian cashmere scarves.

Montecito-based makeup artist **Shannon Loar-Coté** opened Hello Gorgeous Models, a modeling agency, on Coast Village Road in September. The agency is located within Montecito Aesthetic Institute.

Upper Village's Glamour House owner **Ann Picciuto** opened the doors to a "pop up" shop on Coast Village Road in October in the former home of Souliers. A satellite store to the main location, Glamour House carries notable and classic high-quality lingerie and loungewear collections such as Celestine, Cosabella, Pluto, Hanro, Calida, Oscar De la Renta, Diamond Tea, Natori, Hanky Panky, BedHead, PJ Salvage, Karen Luu, Jacques Levine,



Art Gaspar retires from his Coast village Road jewelry store after 32 years in business

Chantelle, and Wacoal, among others. The store is located in Olive Mill Plaza at 1235 Coast Village Road.

Another "pop up" opened December 18 in Olive Mill Plaza: **Rossell Studer** and **Sharon Egan** opened Crazy Good Bread Co. and JuiceWell in the former home of Summer For Kids, which closed over the summer. The ladies have both been invited to join the Santa Barbara Public Market when it opens in March 2014.

After 32 years in business on Coast Village Road, Gaspar Jewelers will close on December 27. The family-run business is owned by **Art Gaspar** and managed by **Maria Gaspar-Baltieri**, while daughter **Katie Gaspar**, a gemologist, works on the sales floor.

"I'm retiring!" said Art enthusiastically. He says he is most looking forward to sleeping in on Saturdays. The jewelry store is Montecito's oldest full service jeweler, featuring diamonds as well as precious gemstones. Art tells us he will spend his retirement traveling, hiking, volunteering, and more. "I'm looking forward to it," he said. The store is located at 1213 Coast Village Road.