

### Pretty in pink



Photo courtesy Leslie Coogan

Keith Coogan marries Kristen "Pinky" Shean on Oct. 26, 2013 at Zuma Beach.

Malibu local Keith Coogan and Sacramento native Kristen "Pinky" Shean on Oct. 26, 2013 at Zuma Beach. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Malibu West Swim Club attended by 200 family members and friends.

Keith is the grandson of long-time local, Jackie Coogan. The wedding date was chosen to honor what would have been Jackie's 99th birthday.

The groom's brother, Kelly Franklin, served as best man and the matron of honor

was the bride's sister, Erin Judd. The bride wore a pink dress and the groom wore a pink tie. Kristen walked down the aisle to the song, "Pretty in Pink." Their dog, Sammy, joined the ceremony dressed in a tuxedo.

### Award-winning creativity



Photo by Carolyn Neuner

First-place essay winners in the Keep Christ in Christmas art and essay contest pictured from left, Sophia Williamson, Teresa Contino, Caitlin Flynn and Jacquelyn Neuner.

Our Lady of Malibu School participated in the 50th anniversary of Keep Christ in Christmas in Malibu with students entering an art and essay contest. First-place essay winners included Sophia Williamson, Teresa

Contino, Caitlin Flynn and Jacquelyn Neuner. First-place art winners were Sophia Polard, Jacquelyn Neuner, Ana Muldoon, Christine Chambers, Quinn Conway and Jillian Neuner. Second-place art winners

were Julia Consiglio, Baile Calabria, Addison Arlidge, Gillian Flynn and Kennedy Mudd. Fourth-place art winners included James Merrick, Caitlin Flynn, Renni Collins, Eliza Burns, Olivia Williamson and Ivory Calabria.

### Webster winners



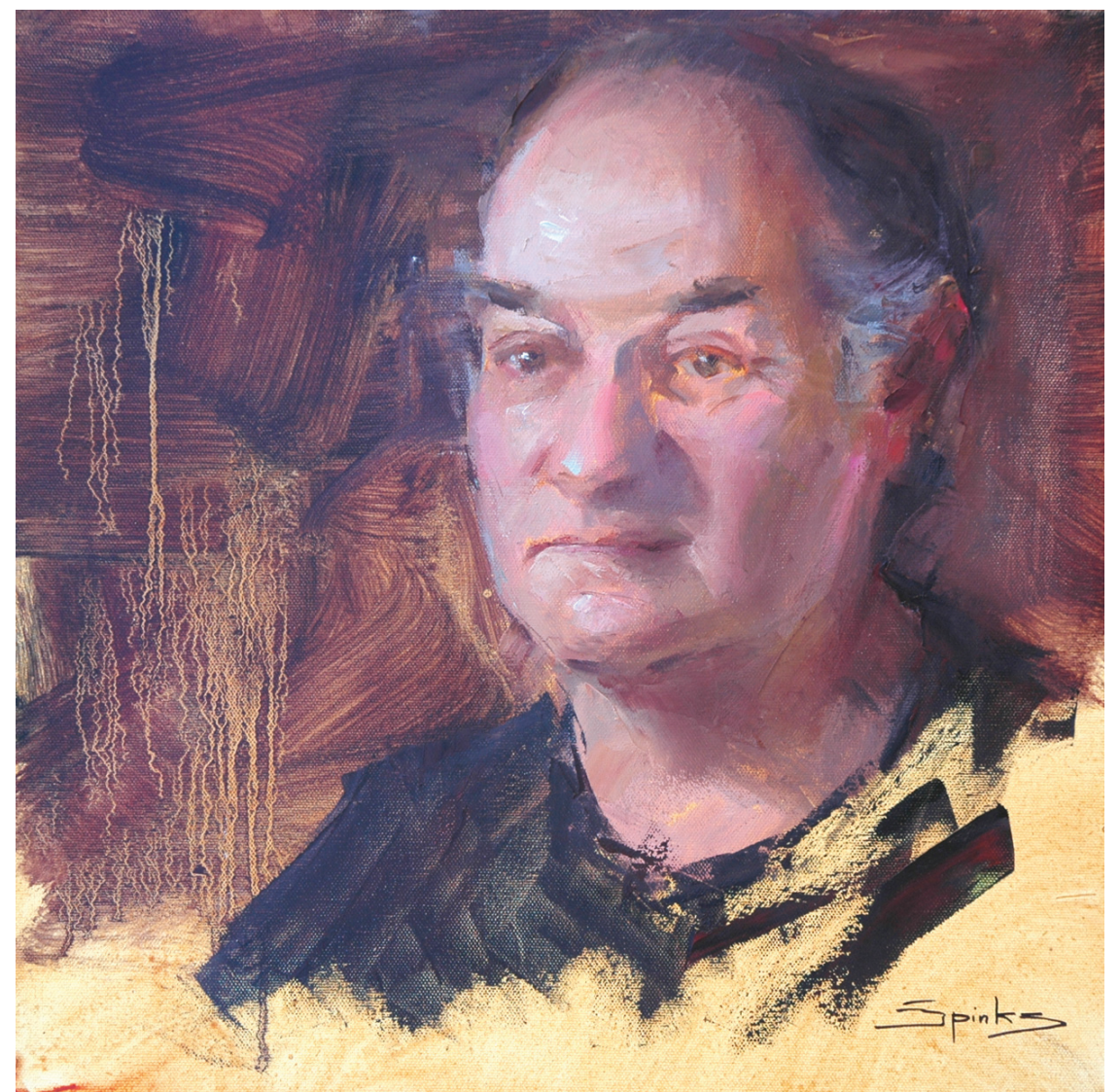
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Webster Elementary School students Alexandra Surprenant (left) and Felix Lemkin both won second place awards in the Reflections Program.

Alexandra Surprenant and Felix Lemkin of Webster Elementary School both won

Awards of Merit (second place) from the PTA for their Reflections Program entries.

Surprenant won for her entry in literature and Lemkin won for film production.



## Face of Malibu: Ted Gillespi

The Face of Malibu is an ongoing series by portrait artist Johanna Spinks to record the many unique personalities and newsmakers who shape the modern Malibu community. Each sitter is always painted in a single live sitting. If there is someone you would like to nominate, please email associate editor Knowles Adkisson at [knowles@malibutimes.com](mailto:knowles@malibutimes.com).

By Homaira Shifa  
Special to The Malibu Times

Malibu by a photographer, I've heard.

wonderful everyone responded to help us out. It really showed the spirit of Malibu and the community.

Ted "the Drain Brain" Gillespi, 64, came to Malibu more than 30 years ago thinking he would leave in a couple of weeks. A plumber, singer, songwriter and graphic artist, Gillespi did all the graphics for *The Malibu Times* before it was digitalized. Today he lives in the Point Dume Club with his loving wife Laurel and is the local plumber in Malibu. But his heart still lies in singing and songwriting.

The Malibu Times got a chance to sit down with the man who thanks the Malibu community for being there for him in every aspect of his life.

You are primarily a singer and songwriter. Tell me a little about your music. How long have you been doing it? What type of music do you record?

Mostly Americana and alternative country. My wife and I both have albums. I record under a different name, Owny Rutledge. I've been doing it for about 35 years. My passion is singing and songwriting. We are a whole family of songwriters. All my children write songs as well.

How has Malibu evolved in the past 30 years?

It was very sleepy when we came here. There was hardly any traffic on Pacific Coast Highway. You knew everybody. It's changed. The population isn't that much more. But it seems like there are a lot more people and it's a lot more corporate. The biggest change is traffic on Pacific Coast Highway. The Mom and Pop shops have disappeared.

How has your experience been as a local plumber in Malibu? Any exciting stories?

Oh, about five books' worth. There's always a plumbing story. We bought The Drain Brain from the owner Bill O'Donahue in 1990. I did general home repair for a few years until Bill called me and asked if I wanted to buy The Drain Brain. There have been lots of interesting experiences. It's been good. We have a good company clientele. People have been good to us and we try to be good to them.

Who came up with the name The Drain Brain?

The name originated in

What brought you to Malibu from Canada?

We are from Victoria, British Columbia. 20th Century Publishing wanted one of our songs. We thought we'd be here for a couple of weeks and ended up staying.

What happened when your home burned in Point Dume a few years ago?

We lost everything. We have been living in Point Dume Club for 23 years and eight years ago our house burned down. The response was unbelievable. The letters and donations were overwhelming. We will never forget that. It was overwhelming how people responded to that for us. The people in Malibu know what it's like to lose your place to disasters. You have no idea how

What are some good changes that you've seen? What is your favorite thing about Malibu?

They've done a good job with developing. Malibu still has good people and spirit. A certain type always has lived in Malibu. That hasn't changed. Nice place to come to get away from things. You still see people in pajamas in the market and no one looks at them. It's a chill place, always has been and still is. Casual Malibu. The good feeling is still prevalent.

How was it having your portrait painted by Johanna Spinks?

It was great. They've been clients of ours for years and friends. I was honored to be asked to do it.

### The Face of Malibu series



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