

WEDDINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nob Hill Gazette is proud to reboot the long beloved special section announcing the Bay Area's most romantic engagements, and showcasing the most inspiring weddings. We look forward to revealing your story.

Emily & John

Maid of honor's dinner party sparked an interest in pasta — and then a first date for environmental attorney, magazine writer.

Emily Theresa Freitas and John Granger Cottrell were married June 23 at the Julia Morgan Ballroom in San Francisco. Ms. Freitas, 27, will keep her name. She is a staff attorney with the California Attorney General's Office, specializing in environmental law. She graduated from UCLA and the UC Berkeley School of Law. She is the daughter of John and Lillian Freitas of Mill Valley. Her father is a dairy rancher and grape grower. Her mother is an executive recruiter.

Mr. Cottrell, 28, is a writer for The New Yorker. He graduated from UC Berkeley and received a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. He is the son of Millard Cottrell and Nora Keefler of Piedmont. His father is an architect in private practice. His mother is an artist.

Date: Sunday June 23, 2021
Location: Julia Morgan Ballroom, San Francisco
Attendees: 150
Honeymoon: Provence

California Superior Court Judge Rose Freitas, the bride's aunt, officiated. Carmel Sinclair, a mutual friend, was the maid of honor, while Mr. Cottrell's brother, Charles, served as best man. The couple met two years ago at a dinner hosted by Ms. Sinclair.

"Carmel said it was just a coincidence that she had John sit next to me," Ms. Freitas said. "She later confessed to playing matchmaker."

When pasta was served, the seat mates fell into a discussion about ragout and other sauces. After dessert, the pair exchanged phone numbers. Two days later, Ms. Freitas texted, "Dinner next weekend?" Mr. Cottrell quickly suggested a restaurant they had talked about, and the couple's first date was set.

The couple honeymooned in Provence. They live in Berkeley.



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