When it comes to sumptuous indoor/outdoor dining or even the casual variety of belly-pleasing treats, Point Loma and Ocean Beach continue to be the gold standard for hungry neighbors and visitors. You can’t beat the view, of course. But the restaurants and eateries on the Peninsula add that extra-special layer to beach life you just won’t encounter in any other community.

Whether you’re on the hunt for a toasted morning bagel on your way to work, hungering for some mouth-watering, out-of-this-world ribs, craving some delectable fish tacos or eager to relax with a fine vegetarian dish as you sip an exotic drink and watch the stunning, panoramic sunset near the Ocean Beach Pier, Ocean Beach and Point Loma have it. Want to ogle the boats moored at the marina as the soft breeze kisses your face over appetizers? We’ve got it. Or maybe you just want to grab one of the tastiest burgers anywhere to be found in San Diego in between shopping stops — yeah, we’ve got that, too.

The merchants of Ocean Beach and Point Loma are dedicated to winning your business — and more importantly, keeping it.

With a treasure trove of food-related businesses on the Peninsula, we asked our readers to pick the “best of” when it comes to restaurants and eateries, and residents were eager to weigh in and cast their votes for the winners.

Some of the merchants are longtime community fixtures; others are upstarts eager to win over the hearts and tummies of neighbors.

Here, in the The Peninsula Beacon Readers Choice Awards 2011, you’ll find the results of paper and online balloting covering the gamut of eateries in Point Loma and Ocean Beach.

The ballot results paint a broad canvas of category offerings: from the tastiest yogurt and smoothies to the best happy hour and the best wine selection.

The awards served up on the following pages were chosen by our loyal readership, which we value so highly. Take a look inside at this year’s Peninsula Beacon Readers Choice Awards — a true insider’s judgment of the restaurants and eateries that fuel our food passions, fill our bellies and add that extra spice to our beach dining experience.

Congratulations!
Kevin McKay,
Editor, Peninsula Beacon

The 2010 Readers Choice Award winners were selected by Peninsula Beacon readers!
Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. This was no simple task! With more than 71 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response. We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these businesses which do so much to make Ocean Beach and Point Loma such wonderful communities.

Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the Peninsula Beacon.

**WINE SHOP**: 3rd Corner Olive Tree Marketplace Wine Steals
**VIETNAMESE**: OB Noodle House Pho House
**WINE BAR**: 3rd Corner The Wine Pub The Vine
**VEGETARIAN/VEGAN**: OB People’s Organic Food Mkt Rancho’s OB Noodle House
**THAI**: Thai Time Bistro Antique Thai Taste Of Thai
**TAKE-OUT**: Poma’s / Nico’s Phil’s BBQ Subway
**SUSHI**: Sapporo’s Umi Sushi Kyoto
**SUNDAY BRUNCH**: Humphreys Miguel’s Cocina Blue Parrot
**STEAK**: Island Prime C-Level The Brigantine Fiddler’s Green
**SPORTS**: The Arizona Cafe Nick’s at the Pier PL Sports Grill & Pub
**TRADEMARK DRINK**: Bali Hai / Mai Tai Tony’s / Martini The Pearl / Martini
**SEAFOOD**: South Beach Bar & Grill Pt. Loma Seafood The Brigantine
**SANDWICH**: Poma’s Italian Delicatessen Olive Tree Gaglione Brothers
**SALAD BAR**: Souplantation Tender Greens OB Peoples
**RESTAURANT with WINE SERVICE**: 3rd Corner The Vine La Playa Bistro
**RESTAURANT SERVICE**: Island Prime / C-Level The Vine Old Venice
**PLACE TO PEOPLE WATCH**: Cheswick’s WOW Cafe Sunshine Company Saloon
**PLACE TO DANCE**: Winston’s Humphreys Backstage Live The Harp
**PLACE FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY**: Corvette Diner Chuck E Cheese Fiddler’s Green
**PIZZA**: The Venetian Pizza Port Newport Pizza & Ale House
**PET FRIENDLY RESTAURANT**: Tower Two Beach Cafe O’Bistro Day Break
**PATIO DINING**: Old Venice O’Bistro Shades Oceanfront Bistro
**OMELETTE**: Shades Oceanfront Bistro Red Sails Inn Day Break
**NEW RESTAURANT**: Bo-Beau Ciao Bella Pizza Port / Sessions Public
**MEXICAN (fast food)**: Nico’s Cotija’s Roberto’s
**MARTINI**: Tony’s Shades Oceanfront Bistro The Brigantine / The Pearl
**MARGARITA**: Miguel’s Cocina / Blue Parrot Bravo’s
**LUNCH**: OB Noodle House Hodad’s Tower Two Beach Cafe
**LIVE MUSIC**: Humphreys Backstage Live The Harp Winston’s / Gallagher’s
**JUICE BAR**: OB Smoothie Jamba Juice
**ICE CREAM / FROZEN YOGURT**: Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt Cup of Yo Cold Stone / Baskin Robbins
**HOT DOG**: OB Kanobe’s Daddy O’s Baron’s
**PLACE TO GO ON A BUDGET**: Tower Two Beach Cafe OB Noodle House Desi’s Bar & Grill
**MOST ROMANTIC**: Island Prime / C-Level Ciao Bella The Vine
**LATE NIGHT EATERY**: O’Bistro Cafe Nick’s at the Pier Livingston’s Chicken Kitchen
**JUICE BAR**: OB Smoothie Jamba Juice
**FAMILY RESTAURANT**: Nati’s Jimmy’s Famous American Tavern Red Sails Inn
**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**: Red Sails Inn Bo-Beau Tower Two Beach Cafe
**DESSERTS**: Azucar European Cake Gallery Con Pane Rustic Breads & Cafe
**DELI**: Olive Tree Marketplace Poma’s Italian Delicatessen Chris’ Liquor & Deli
**COMFORT FOOD**: Hodad’s Con Pane Nati’s
**BAGEL SHOP**: PL Bagel Your Mama’s Mug Einstein Bros Bagels
**APPETIZER**: The Wine Pub The Arizona Cafe 3rd Corner
**BAR**: Lucy’s Tavern Pacific Shores Sunshine Company Saloon
**BEST CITY VIEW**: Bali Hai Restaurant Island Prime/C-Level Red Sails Inn
**BEST OCEAN VIEW**: Nick’s at the Pier Shades Oceanfront Bistro
**BEST DINER**: Old Donut OB Sailor’s
**BEST BEER SELECTION**: Pizza Port Newport Pizza & Ale House Sessions Public
**BEST BBQ**: Phil’s BBQ BBQ House
**BEST FISH & CHIPS**: The Arizona Cafe Island Prime/C-Level
**BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT**: Nati’s Jimmy’s Famous American Tavern Red Sails Inn
**BEST FISH & CHIPS**: Tower Two Beach Cafe O’Bistro Day Break
**BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH**: Humphreys Miguel’s Cocina Blue Parrot
**BEST WINE BAR**: 3rd Corner The Wine Pub The Vine
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For Voting us

"Danke schon" Best German 3 years in a row!
Once again, Beacon readers have said Nati’s Mexican Restaurant is their favorite local restaurant overall, for three years running! It’s no wonder, though, as Nati’s has been serving the finest Mexican dishes made from scratch with fresh ingredients more than 51 years. The owners take tremendous pride in serving virtually every dish made to order, including chilli rellenos made with fresh chilies while providing patrons with afford- able prices. They offer a variety of margaritas, Mexican and American beers, cocktails and wines. DINERS may enjoy dining indoor or on the patio. Open daily at 11 a.m. for lunch and dinner with a variety of specials.

American

Hodad’s

As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite – featured overnight success! As owner Mike Hardin likes to say, “After 42 years in business, we’re an overnight success!” Ho...
corners of Bacon and Santa Monica, and have both the quality and quantity to satisfy the most discerning beer palate. The seven in-house craft brews run the gamut from a light “No Surf Cream Ale” to their hefty “Cho-Saiko Double IPA” and even a microbrew root beer made on the premises. This doesn’t count the dozens of other beers available.

**Pizza Port**  
1956 Bacon St.  
(619) 224-4700  
www.pizzaport.com/locations/ocean-beach

**Best Chef**  
Deborah Scott  
As Executive Chef of three Cohn Group restaurants, Deborah Scott has made her mark on the San Diego restaurant scene and become a favorite of Beacon readers. She has become well-known for her creativity, and attention to detail. Her eclectic creations on the menus of Island Prime & C-level, Kemo Sabe and Indigo Grill are sure to please a diverse array of palates. Deborah has a long history of receiving distinctions; as a student at Baltimore International Culinary College, she won the gold medal in the school’s cooking competition, and she received two awards from the American Culinary Federation for a recipe she created using only a shopping bag full of unrelated food items.

**Island Prime**  
880 Harbor Island Drive  
(619) 298-6802  
www.cohnrestaurants.com

**Best City View**  
Bali Hai Restaurant  
The Bali Hai Restaurant has been a favorite in San Diego for nearly 60 years, and it’s no wonder, with one of the area’s most spectacular views of San Diego Harbor. The circular architectural design and floor to ceiling windows promise diners a panoramic tableau of the city. Another one of the great amenities the Bali Hai Restaurant has to offer is the boat dock on the backside of the restaurant. Every Sunday, many boaters dock at Bali Hai to enjoy Sunday Brunch—for some, it’s a Sunday ritual. If you own a boat, and are considering coming over for Sunday Brunch, we suggest you get there a little early to get a place on the dock. Sometimes boats get docked two deep on Sundays!!

**Nick’s at the Pier**  
5083 Santa Monica Ave.  
(619) 222-7437  
www.nicksatthepier.com

**Best Ocean View**  
Take Nick’s at the Beach (arguably the archetypal Pacific Beach eatery) and drop it on the Ocean Beach Pier; oddly enough, Nick’s at the Pier materializes, with the same vibe and commitment to quality you’ll find at the PB staple. The fried calamari, the papas quesadilla, the crab cakes and steamed mussels—they’re all here, along with a killer wine list, a serious banquet menu and a throng of 23 big-screen TVs. But all the televisions still can’t compare to the stunning spectacle of the coast, which would seem tailor-made for a romantic sunset dinner or just a relaxing evening cocktail with a uniquely San Diego look and feel.

**OB & Point Loma**  
Thank You for choosing us the Readers Choice for **CHINESE** and **CHINESE TAKE OUT**  
We appreciate your support over the last 21 years!  
4910 Newport Ave. Ocean Beach, CA. 619-222-6627

**THAI TIME BISTRO**  
Thanks for Voting us #1 for Thai Food  
2 Years in a Row

**In the immortal words of Ricky Bobby...**

**IF YOU AINT FIRST, YOU’RE LAST!**

For our friends that eat here, tell people, bring people and drive a long way to come to Daddy-O’s...you are awesome! 2nd place Sucks! But we’ll keep tryin’!

**DADDY-O’s**  
619-222-3122  
www.daddyooshore.com

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dining and a great view of the San Diego Sport Fishing Fleet. Serving the area for more than 50 years, Red Sails Inn is widely known for family dining and great early-bird specials! Famous for their breakfast, Red Sails also offers lunch and dinner menus with everything from sandwiches to fresh Seafood, Steak and Lobster. They also have a menu just for kids.

Red Sails Inn
2614 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 223-3030
www.redsails.com

Burger
Hodad’s (see entry under Best American)

Burrito
Nico’s Mexican Food
Love burritos? You’ll really love the Nico’s burrito. According to the majority, it’s the best! The chicken taquito rates high as well, as does the veggie burrito and the refried fare and did we mention the legendary hot sauce? In a city that touts close to five million Mexican restaurants, Nico’s must indeed be unique in this crazy world. In a hurry? Nico’s was readers choice for best take-out too!

Nico's Mexican Food
4910 Newport Ave.
(619) 233-5230

Café
O’Bistro Café
The patio dining and refreshing menu at this café have made it a top pick for readers, and owners Brenda and Jonga Park have clearly paid a lot of attention to the dining experience. Enjoy a delicious meal in the cozy café area or on the enclosed or outside patio. You’ll be delighted by the variety of dishes prepared by executive chef John Mann, like seafood, steak, pasta, salads, sandwiches, sushi, ribs and more. Lunch and dinner are served daily. Be sure to try their famous lobster bisque. Breakfast is served on weekends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dogs are welcome. Just two blocks from the beach, with plenty of parking in their private lot.

O’Bistro Café
4934 Voltaire St.
(619) 223-2202

Catering
CJ’s Catering
For more than 20 years in Ocean Beach, the culinary and logistical wizards of CJ’s Catering have been bringing their gourmet specialties to weddings, corporate meetings, parties and nearly any other kind of gathering. While their menu is extensive, what really sets CJ’s apart is their unique selection; Lorraine, spinach and feta cheese served on warm sun dried tomato, jalapeño and artichoke are just a few. Don’t forget desert, though, with another wide variety of choices, but the chocolate chip cookies are a cut above. CJ’s has been a local fixture at farmers’ markets in the area for many years, bringing a taste of their cooking to markets in OB, La Jolla, UTC and Mission Hills. When people meet them there and get a taste of their food, is it any wonder they developed such a loyal following?

CJ’s Catering
4916 Newport Ave.
(619) 223-5080

Chinese
Little Chef
One local bills of an innocuous run-in with Little Chef that speaks volumes. Not only was the food delicious, it was still hot when her beaufriend brought it to her at work. Now that’s fresh. They’ve been at the same location for more than 21. That means not only does Little Chef have the best Chinese, but it will really tough to beat their prices! Some 60 chicken, beef and shrimp dishes dot the menu. Add the daily specials, and there’s not a lot Little Chef is missing as a restaurant or a community service.

Little Chef
4910 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-6627

Chinese Take-Out

Little Chef
(see entry under Best Chinese)

Coffee Shop
Your Mama’s Mug
For the serious caffeine achiever, finding a good coffee house is as important as finding a good doctor. In Ocean Beach that means Your Mama’s Mug. The first coffee shop in OB boasts a selection of 50 different coffees (grade A or higher) and 30 teas, along with a selection of juices, waters and soda. Looking for some food with your cup-o’Joe? Enjoy a variety of breakfast sandwiches, loll, quiche, filled croissants and a fresh daily selection of pastries, cheesecake and bagels. As we move into the warmer summer months, try one of Mama’s Specials: an Ocean Mocha. With indoor and outdoor seating and wireless access, Mama’s is the place to come relax with a good cup of coffee. Enjoy the early hours of 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

Your Mama’s Mug
4967 Newport Ave.
(619) 523-0687

Comfort Food
Hodad’s (see entry under Best American)

Deli
Olive Tree Marketplace
Olive Tree Marketplace, Ocean Beach’s only upscale, independently owned grocery store, offers patrons a

variety of quality fare, including wine and cheese, locally grown produce USDA Choice grade beef and fresh-baked goods. Their wine and beer selection is truly impressive. But Beacon readers were most impressed by the deli, which uses the market’s best ingredients to craft mouthwatering sandwiches. Meat lovers will want to try the “Manhattan” at pressed sandwich smothered with melted provolone cheese and served on a toasted onion roll, while vegetarians will appreciate the Euro Veggie, a combination of chopped Kalamata olives and chives, sprouts, tomatoes, hummus and feta cheese served on warm pita bread. In all, the deli serves more than 20 sandwiches and more than 20 varieties of salad.

Olive Tree Marketplace
4905 Narragansett Ave.
(619) 224-0443
www.olivetreemarket.com

Desserts
Azucar
Azucar communicates the Cuban origins of Owner/Chef Vivian Hernandez-Jackson — producing Cuban-inspired favorites like light coconut cupcakes and red velvet cake or unique melon cookies. Other fare include specialty Cuban items such as Cuban sandwiches with turkey and peck, papi rellenas (stuffed potato balls), corquetas (small friend rolls containing minced meat, mashed potatoes, and or shell fish and vegetables), pastelitos (baked puffs with filling), Arroz blanco a taste of ethnicity to an ordinary lunch or snack in Ocean Beach. Whether you’re in the mood for a Cuban sandwich or a deli-cupcake, this papaya-green establishment will always bring an exciting menu server to the table.

Azucar
4820 Newport Ave.
(619) 523-2020
www.loveazucar.com

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Olive Tree Marketplace
4820 Newport Ave.
Dinner
3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro
Your first glance at this OB wine bar may prompt a certain confusion. You won’t know whether you’ve walked into a bar that dabbles in retail sales or a wine cellar with a drinking license—such is the level of attention this establishment renders for both services. Hundreds of bottles from around the world are there for the taking, surrounded by funky-colored walls and maps of the world’s most well-known wine regions; 3rd Corner serves dinner, too, and many patrons make a habit of ordering a meal and then visiting the racks to pick the wine that goes best with their food. You’ll come away with a very decent bottle of wine, and you won’t be paying an inflated price just ‘cause you’re at a restaurant.

3rd Corner
2265 Bacon St.
(619) 223-2700
www.the3rdcorner.com

Family Restaurant
Nati’s (see entry under Best Overall)

Fish & Chips
The Harp Irish Pub
Looking for really good, authentic fish and chips at a reasonable price in a friendly atmosphere? The Harp Pub specializes in this national dish of Ireland. Don’t forget to try it with tartar sauce, or for a really native feel, use malt vinegar. Besides fish and chips, The Harp is noted for being one of the great intimate places to see live music in Ocean Beach, with bands playing several nights a week. Even with the Irish inspired food, beers and decor the music, crowd and atmosphere make The Harp an OB original!

The Harp
4935 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-0168

Fish Taco
South Beach Bar & Grille
Anybody who knows anything about coastal San Diego knows that the fish tacos at South Beach Bar & Grille are the best in history. But did anybody ever think about what kind of fare rests inside that delicious shell? South Beach Bar & Grille can only speak for itself on that score—and the Mahi taco, at an absolutely unbeatable price, speaks volumes. This place has lots of stellar values on everything else—it’s all part of doing business on the coast, which is already overrun with competitors. When it comes to an inexpensive, great taco, and a cold drink South Beach has it made. And if you visit, so do you.

South Beach Bar & Grille
5059 Newport Ave.
(619) 226-4577
www.southbeachob.com

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3rd Corner
Breakfast All Day! (who are we to tell you when to get up?)
$4 SPECIAL (m-f 7-10am)
619-223-4059

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619-223-4059

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French

Bo-Beau

Part of the local powerhouse Cohn Restaurant group, Bo-Beau takes its place as their premier French restaurant. No mere bistro, this; we’re talking about classic French cuisine, from starters like escargot with a garlic-herb butter sauce and smoked salmon tartare tartine with brie and celery greens to main courses of boeuf bourguignon and chicken fricasse and a selection of moules, salads and pastas. But you won’t find any cliché Gallic restaurant snobbery here; everything at Bo-Beau is done in an inviting, warm and casual dining atmosphere. Entrees will run you between $12-$20, a good bargain for fine French fare.

Bo-Beau
4996 West Point Loma Blvd.
(619) 224-2884

German

Kaiserhof Restaurant

Kaiserhof is a great family owned and operated German restaurant. A German restaurant would not be complete without wiener schnitzel or jager schnitzel. It doesn’t get much better than the “wurstplatte” which includes: bratwurst, knackwurst and bauernwurst with sauerkraut and red potatoes and a good German beer. American style entrees include broiled lobster tail, grilled halibut steak, poached salmon filet with hollandaise, filet mignon Madagascar with peppercorn/brandy sauce, or a New York strip steak. Dine in or enjoy the beer garden, a lovely outdoor heated area where you can sip a German brew and enjoy a traditional German and American meal. Full bar available.

Kaiserhof Restaurant
2253 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
(619) 224-0606
www.kaiserhofrestaurant.com

Greek

Greek Corner Cafe

If you are looking for homemade authentic Greek food served in a warm and friendly setting, then the Greek Corner Cafe is your cup of Retina. Enjoy the flavors of the Mediterranean at very reasonable prices as well. Most entrees range between $9 and $12. They offer a selection of Greek wines to compliment the tastes of the Classical World. They are open 7-days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Greek Corner Cafe
3615 Midway Dr.
(619) 224-1450
GreekCornerCafe.net

Happy Hour

The Arizona Cafe

The “AZ” is the place to mingle for anyone who wants a real taste of the beach scene. An Ocean Beach landmark, the Arizona Cafe offers a 1940s atmosphere with a contemporary flare – even the ceiling reflects the artistic detail of the era. Check out the daily happy hour featuring $3 food and drink specials. The menu offers burgers, sliders, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and more – incredible tasty variety that’s easy on the wallet. Or grab an order to go from the takeout window. Satellite sports on big-screen plasma TVs and Internet jukebox and pool tables make this a great place to go and a hard place to leave.

The Arizona (AZ) Cafe
1925 Bacon St.
(619) 223-7381
www.theazcafe.com

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Enjoy a meal and libation on the patio

Thank You for Voting Us a Reader’s Choice for Italian!

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Saturday & Sunday at 8 a.m.
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Red Sails Inn
2614 Shelter Island Dr. San Diego CA  619-223-3030 • www.theredsails.com

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Including homemade sourkraut, while enjoying the skate boarders on the practice ramp or a more quiet lunch on an outside table. Not into hot dogs? No worries, they’ve added a deli menu, Acai bowl and a killer banana cream pie smoothie just to mention a few favorites. But don’t take our word for it... stop in and see why they’re voted #1 in OB!

**OB’ Kanobe’s**

4949 Santa Monica Ave.
(619) 213-3984
www.obkanobes.com

Ice Cream/Yogurt

**The Lighthouse**

Ice Cream & Yogurt

The Lighthouse serves up some of the best ice cream and yogurt in Ocean Beach, now featuring double rainbow super premium, all natural, gluten free and certified kosher ice cream – but if you already read the name of the venue, you got the idea. But the Lighthouse also has something that the other places don’t – a hot waffle ice cream sandwich, which includes your favorite ice cream stuffed between two Belgian waffles and put in a special iron. Reportedly, the heat doesn’t even melt the ice cream – that means this place is worth a visit for the scientific phenomenon alone.

**Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt**

5059 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-8600

Indian

**Cafe India**

The readers have once again said that for culinary sojourns to the Subcontinent, Cafe India is the place to be. They have been offering an authentic Indian dining experience and vegan dishes to the community since 1986. The delicious vegetarian & vegan buffet is made fresh daily with non-vegetarian options and all of the food is homemade on the premises. With free wireless internet and all your Indian favorites like Tandoor Chicken, Tikka Masala, Samosas and Pakoras, Cafe India offers the perfect atmosphere to enjoy a relaxing meal with friends and family. Also be sure and ask about Yoga, Indian cooking, Bollywood and belly dance classes. Available in the project room.

**Cafe India**

3760 Sports Arena Blvd.
(619) 224-7500

Italian

**The Venetian**

The food has best been described as California-Italian, which simply means you can expect great fare without a lot of heavy sauce, the way some other places think Italian should be done. The pastas and chicken entrees will command serious attention, as will the tidy bar and the family-style menu. The Tuscan wall murals and tabletop scenes complement vine-strewn latticework and mellow lighting on the patio make this a local favorite whether it’s for a first date family affair. They have a large take-out business as well.

**The Venetian**

3663 Voltaire St.
(619) 223-8197
www.venetian1965.com

Juice Bar

**OB Smoothie**

Routinely called the best Acai (pronounced: ah-Sigh-ee) bowls around OB, their portions are huge with lots of fresh fruit to order, such as fresh...
mango, banana, blueberries and of course the chilled Acai mix itself. Try yours with a little granola and honey for a real treat. Other specialties include traditional juice drinks and fruit bowls. A great breakfast or lunch alternative to heavier take out options.

OB Smoothie
5001 Newport Ave.
(619) 756-6265

Late Night Eatery
O’Bistro
(see entry under Best Cafe)

Live Music Venue
Humphrey’s by the Bay
Unless they’ve been homesteading on Mercury for the last several years, everybody in the city knows about Humphrey’s Backstage Music Club, a premiere place around here for all sorts of good live music and all sorts of good times. Everybody also knows a lot about Humphrey’s by the Bay, the iconic restaurant that anchors the venue. If they don’t, they might want to try the weekly brunch as their introductory experience. Fresh off its interior facelift, Humphrey’s leaves no stone unturned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays – desserts, breakfast items, cheeses and salads, the showcase Seafood Station and much more are designed to make midday the best part of the first day of the week.

Humphrey’s by the Bay
2241 Shelter Island Dr.
(619) 224-3577

Lunch
OB Noodle House
If you have never tasted Pho (pronounced “fah” or “fuh”), the traditional beef broth and rice noodle soup of that defines much of Vietnamese cooking, then you have missed out on one of the world’s best kept culinary secrets; richly flavored, complicated and deliciously prepared. The OB Noodle House tops theirs with union and cilantro and serves it with fresh basil leaf and bean sprouts, jalapenos and lime on the side. What an alternative to a drive through fast food lunch!

OB Noodle House
2218 Cable St.
(619) 450-6868
http://www.obnoodlehouse.com

Margarita
Miguel’s Cocina
Miguel’s Cocina in Point Loma has all the dishes customers love to see on the Mexican food menu with a few special touches that keep visitors coming back for more. Nearly everyone who visits Miguel’s raves about the jalapeno white cheese sauce; it is so popular that Miguel’s has started to sell it in their restaurant, and it will soon be available in stores as well. The perfect pairing for that spicy dip is an award-winning margarita, an honor that Beacon readers have bestowed on Miguel’s for the third year in row. This restaurant serves them big and bold, with the tequila, triple sec and other ingredients poured to order.

Miguel’s Cocina
2912 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 224-2401

Martini
Tony’s Bar
Tony’s is one part consummate bar and one part time machine. The unique 1940’s cocktail bar atmosphere is loaded with vintage photos of Ocean Beach and might make you feel like you’ve stepped into a colorized version of a Bogart classic. Savor a classic cocktail or specialty martini while relaxing in one of the booths listening to the Internet juke box or playing a game of pool. Don’t miss happy hour every day from 5 to 7 p.m. for half-price pitchers of beer, $2 off all martinis and $1 off cocktails. Your favorite sports on big-screen tv’s, a smoking patio and ATM make it an all around great place to hang out.

Tony’s Bar
5034 Newport Ave.
(619) 223-0558
www.tonysoceanbeach.com

Mexican
Nati’s
(see entry under Best Overall)

Mexican Fast Food
Nico’s
(see entry under Best Burrito)

Most Romantic
Island Prime C-Level
(see entry under Best Romantic)
thing called Salmon Scrambles, which is a big hit at breakfast involves some-thing called salmon scrambles, which should tide you over until lunch and that veggie sandwich with goat cheese and sprouts you’ve had your eye on. You’ll enjoy the excellent food, unique cocktails and quality service and the ocean view never stops. For early birds, you’ll like the fact they open at 6:30 a.m.

Shades Oceanfront Bistro
5083 Santa Monica Ave. (619) 222-0501
www.shadesob.com

Patio Dining
Old Venice
An enchanted evening of classic e-le-gance, relaxed charm, and a fusion of Mediterranean flavors is what you will get when you dine on the patio of Old Venic. Family owned and operated for 25 years, Old Venice is the perfect place to relax and unwind. Tastefully decorated, with a selection of indoor or outdoor dining, you will immedi-ately be enraptured with an almost fairytale-like quality of the ambiance, and an outstanding array of Italian regional specialties.

Old Venice
2910 Canon St. (619) 222-5888

Pet Friendly Restaurant
Tower Two Café
Fresh air, fresh food and fido! Tower Two offers pet-friendly dining on their patio, with bowls just for your “best friend!” And why not, being just a block from Dog Beach. So whether you’ve come for break-fast, lunch, dinner or cocktails this restaurant won’t disappoint — either you or the dog. The large portion meals include Mexican cuisine, clas-sic American foods, and several seafood meals that are sure to please your palate. So next time you’re out for a stroll with the pooch, or run-ning the dog around the surf, make sure you make a point to stroll over to Tower Two Café and say “Hi” to owners Tim & Debbie Nolan.

Tower Two Café
5083 Santa Monica Ave. (619) 223-4059

Best Pizza
The Venetian
Another Cohn Group original! Rock ‘n’ roll, burgers and shakes rule at the 1950s-themed Corvette Diner. Beacon readers named this spot the best place for a birthday party, partly because of the sassy waitresses in poodle skirts and partly because the restaurant features 5,000 square-feet of arcade games: air hockey, pinball, Guitar Hero and skee ball to name only a few. Everyone will appre-ciate the fun-loving atmosphere, the friendly staff, and of course the juicy burgers, made to order. Ask to be seated you in one of several themed rooms, including a black-light room with menus that glow in the dark!

Corvette Diner
2965 Historic Decatur Road (619) 542-1476
www.dinecrg.com

Place to Dance
Winston’s
You already know that Winston’s is the most popular live music venue in Ocean Beach. It’s been that way for almost all of its 22 years and things aren’t expected to change in the foreseeable future. What you may not have known is that Win-ston’s also hosts many special shows, such as its own film festival and an array of bus trips, and works to sup-port local causes and charities on behalf of community members who’ve suffered injury, affliction or loss. Winston’s is proud of its work with the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association and many San Diego-area organizations.

Winston’s
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**Thai Time Bistro**

Thai Time Bistro is known for its fresh ingredients and reasonable prices, as well as its clean, sophisticated atmosphere. "Build Your Own Ornaments" and "Egg Benedict" are among the many options on the menu. Thai Time Bistro also has affordable lunch specials; customers can get soup, salad and a main course for just $6.95 Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sapporo's Japanese Restaurant**

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