...all of you! You, the readers of La Jolla Village News, are the ones who have enjoyed great service, friendly assistance above and beyond the norm, unusual selections, mouthwatering menu items and more all around town — and you let us know about it.

We are proud to present the first La Jolla Village News Readers Choice Awards. Our categories cover the sunniest corner for your coffee wake-up call to smoothest spot for a soothing nightcap, and everything in between.

These awards recognize the people and places that make the Village truly extraordinary. From Euro chic to American casual, you can find it all in La Jolla.

Ballots were printed in La Jolla Village News for three weeks — Aug. 2, 9 and 16 — and also distributed at the weekly Open Aire Market. Votes have been tabulated, and the results are presented inside this special supplement.

Some of the winners may surprise you; others have enjoyed sterling reputations for years and even decades. We hope these awards will delight those who aspire to excellence every day and inspire new businesses to reach the heights. Although we all are sometimes crushed by the daily grind, it's gratifying to know that kindness, care and a bright smile do not go unnoticed.

La Jolla Village News would like to thank Cold Stone Creamery for its “sweet” support of our survey and all those who took the time to single out the businesses and merchants who make the Jewel a priceless treasure.

Congratulations!
Anne Terhune,
Editor, La Jolla Village News
George’s at the Cove
George’s at the Cove has been in La Jolla since 1984, but there’s not a solitary sign that it seeks to rest on its laurels. The exceptional dining experiences are no accident — this restaurant has a hopping three on-site partners dedicated to providing their guests with the best food and service possible. And there are two ways to reap the benefits; you can either go upscale or more casual at the bistro on the ocean terrace. There’s also a superb bar with an ocean view, and George’s will be opening a brand-new outdoor terrace in January.

Sante Ristorante
Sante excels at bringing the traditions and elegance of fine Italian dining to the La Jolla area. Chef Emilio Bertoli’s delectable Northern Italian cuisine ranges from delightful treats such as homemade paperdelle with a wild boar ragout to reliable favorites like risotto with dulse and mussels, shrimp and calamari. An enticing and extensive wine list complements every dish on the menu. The classic setting is full of Old World charm, as is Tony Buonsante, the gracious host and owner. With a combination of fantastic service, great food and warm atmosphere, it’s no surprise Sante continues to be a local favorite.

Jack’s La Jolla
The Dining Room at Jack’s La Jolla is the most formal of the three restaurants that compose what may be the city’s finest assemblage of dining establishments under a single roof. The sonny’s Tony DiSalvo, former chef at Jean Georges, cooks up a menu of contemporary American cuisine in a sophisticated setting. Dishes such as the Crispy Jidori Chicken with corn, homestyle mushrooms and lemon offer subtle combinations of rich flavors, complemented by an award-winning wine list. Named one of the Top 10 New Restaurants in 2006 by mn.com, Jack’s La Jolla brings a refreshingly contemporary sense to downtown La Jolla.

Cafe Lavande
Cafe Lavande is truly the new kid. The owners took over the vaunted Cafe Lautrec space in May and spent a couple months renovating before opening for dinner in August. Don’t be fooled by the track record, though. Co-owner Ted Witty has 12 years’ experience in cooking French food, and he uses his tenure to create original items so everybody can look forward to something new. Cafe Lavande just released its autumn menu too, and it offers lunch specials in addition to the regular menu.
**OVERALL RESTAURANT SERVICE**

George’s at the Cove  
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

The Marine Room  
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

**Fresh[er]**

*If you’ve ever been eager to try this place, it behoves you to hurry. On Sunday, Nov. 4, it closes for a month for an extensive cleaning and renovation. After that, it reopens as Whisknladle, which owner Arturo Kassel says will “underpromise and overdeliver on every guest’s experience.” The aim is to present family-style dining and the freedom of choice by offering tapas-style dishes. Whisknladle seeks a place among venues that don’t pigeonhole themselves into a certain format or motif, and the wine list promises to be smaller and more selective.*

**The Cottage**

The Cottage has been in La Jolla since 1995, which means that its oldest original patrons are now of legal age to operate a motor vehicle. The idea, of course, is that the folks at The Cottage go overboard to treat their customers like the family they’ve been raising all these years. The breakfasts here show that that family gets off to the best possible start in the morning, especially if the meal includes the Southern California Special omelet. It’s all in a day’s work at The Cottage, where the main ingredient is the wholesome regard for the customers’ comfort.

**Harry’s Coffee Shop**

*The kids are all right – and that’s how they’ll stay at Harry’s Coffee Shop, because somebody from the family that owns the place is always there to watch over them. Service in the morning is fast, and the staff tries to keep things simple, the way people seem to like it. Another cool thing is that you and the kids can get breakfast all day. And it’s a cinch Harry’s has had plenty of time to get stuff right — as of 2007, the entry will have been here 50 years.*

**LUNCH**

*The Cottage*  
(see entry under ‘Breakfast’)

*George’s at the Cove*  
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

**DINNER**

*The Marine Room*  
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

**Nine-Ten Restaurant**

*Nine-Ten thinks it’s found a unique formula amid its success — the menu selections involve something called “evolving California cuisine,” which places emphasis on produce from local artisan farmers. The menu changes each day and with each season and are dictated by the local harvest. That means the customer can look forward to something new with every visit. And the menu now includes a unique selection of beers to go with that appetizer you just ordered.*

**Nine-Ten Restaurant**

910 Prospect St.  
964-5400

**Sante Ristorante**  
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

**TAKE-OUT**

Girard Gourmet

Girard Gourmet has been producing some of the best fresh comfort food in San Diego for the past 20 years at very reasonable prices, and it continues to be a customer favorite. Mouth-watering eat-in or take-out delights include beef burgundy, lamb stew, roast chicken with vegetables and duck a lorgne plus a variety of house-made right or Italian/Sicilian bread with fresh, high-quality ingredients. Designer cookies are Belgian baker and Girard Gourmet owner Francois’ specialty. Francois creates custom cookies for all occasions — birthday parties, weddings, corporate events, baby showers and sporting events.

**Girard Gourmet**

7837 Girard Ave.  
454-3325

**Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza**

Think take-out pizza is take-out pizza? Think again. We’re talking Sammy’s here, as upscale a take-out parlor as you’d hope to find. Artichoke and barbecued chicken are just two of the unorthodox toppings waiting for ya — not to mention the sorps, tups, wraps, salads and all the other good things that go with a complete dining experience. Sammy’s plans to add artisan thin-crust entries with exotic cheeses to its menu, as if the Itinerary weren’t full enough.

**Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza**

702 Pearl St.  
456-5122

**El Charro**

El Chorro Mexican restaurant, located at La Jolla Shores, has become a favorite with the neighborhood as well as with beachgoers. The red-checkered tablecloths add to the charm. It serves a wide variety of Mexican favorites, and kayakers seem to enjoy the tacos and an ice-cold beer (ask about the beer and kayak tour)! There is something for everyone at El Chorro Mexican restaurant to eat in or to take out.

**El Chorro**

2175 Avenida De La Playa  
459-7900

www.lajollakayak.com

**SUNDAY BRUNCH**

La Valencia (see photo, above)

**Brockton Villa**

One of the entries on our Readers Choice Awards form ask the recipient to name the things that set it apart from similar businesses. The folks over at Brockton Villa Restaurant had a ready answer: “There are no similar businesses!” That’s the spirit, all right — and it takes on a special significance at Sunday brunch. The helpings are absolutely enormous, as they are every day of the week (don’t worry if the meal takes time – the in-house Coast Deli can take care of that).

Brockton Villa Restaurant

1235 Coast Blvd.  
454-7393

**THE SPOT Restaurant and Tavern**

This entry opened its doors in 1978 in the oldest La Jolla building in continuous use as a restaurant. It’s become a favorite for its fresh fish, steaks, burgers, salads, pasta, sandwiches and Chicago-style pizza — in other words, it offers just about anything a family could want. There’s a full-service bar and a large selection of fine wines, too. About the only thing The SPOT doesn’t carry are shoes. For that, you’re better off at a shoe store.

**THE SPOT Restaurant and Tavern**

1005 Prospect St.  
459-0800

www.thespotionaline.com

**WINE SELECTION**

*George’s at the Cove*  
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

*Tapenade*  
(see entry under ‘French’)

**HAPPY HOUR**

Roppoggi Restaurant & Sushi Bar

The peeps over at Roppoggi say we should stay tuned for expansion plans, and that can only mean room for more patrons at Happy Hour. The extensive wine list can already accompany as many patrons as the place can hold — and get this: You can also opt for a massage with that martini,
Azul La Jolla
Azul La Jolla opened in 1999 boasting sweeping views of the magnificent La Jolla coastline and an elegant but casual atmosphere. And it's no stranger to reader polls like these, having been selected in one as the best view restaurant in the history of the universe. The happy hour is one of the touches that got it noticed – but the neat thing is that that happy hour lasts all night on Mondays. That's something to think about after what for some is the longest day of the week.

Clay's La Jolla
Clay's La Jolla is a little different than many local eateries. Let's start with the name – Clay Bordwin is actually a real guy, and he got the idea to open a local eatery amid his passion for food and art. He offers a blend of food styles garnered from several kitchens across the country (he has kitchens in Santa Fe and Florida too), and he's only just getting started around here (the La Jolla entry has only been open a year and a half). He's the executive chef for his own chain, so his successors have learned from one of the best.

Wahoo's Fish Tacos
Wahoo's has become a La Jolla tradition for young and old. Ask any kid who grew up in La Jolla – they remember hanging out after school at Wahoo's. Walls, tables, windows and even bathrooms are laden with signed memorabilia and stickers, like a giant skateboard. Starters include tasty Mani onion rings and spicy chicken tortilla soup, but it's the fish tacos that draw the crowds. Kids continue to love the place because of the free stickers!

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PIZZA
Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza
(see entry under “Take-Out”)

The Spot
(see entry under “Family Restaurant”)

Extreme Pizza
Here, as the menu attests, the accent is on “extreme.” The proprietors didn’t stop with just pizza – this is pizza with gourmet ingredients and a host of other selections, including a monster sub, nine salads, calzones, wings, desserts and drinks, including alcoholic ones. Extreme Pizza also caters and offers carry-out and dine-in services. For a place that’s only been open since February, this place has found an extremely large niche.

Extreme Pizza
834 Kline St.
729-1910
www.ExtremePizza.com

PIATTI RISTORANTE
The open kitchens and stone pizza hearths of the Piatti restaurants reflect the warm charm and welcoming atmosphere of a traditional Italian trattoria. While every Piatti has its own character and ambiance suited to its locale, all are characterized by simple, unpretentious designs, rustic yet flavorful cuisine and family-friendly service. Piatti restaurants are gathering places where friends, family and neighbors eat, drink and socialize while enjoying the sense of community found in Italy’s most popular trattorias.

Piatti Ristorante
2182 Avenida De La Playa
454-1589
www.piatti.com

SALAD BAR
Whole Foods
Regulars to Whole Foods are already hip to the store’s reputation for cleanliness and convenience. Everything’s carefully labeled ‘organic’ or ‘no preservative’ if the label fits; the displays are colorful and arranged for aesthetic appeal. Don’t forget that all that goes for the salad bar as well – it features healthful touches such as extra-virgin olive oil and exactly one million selections that you can alter at your discretion. And if you’re so inclined, you can eat it in comfort on the spot. As always, Whole Foods has thought of everything.

Whole Foods
8825 Villa La Jolla Drive
642-6700
www.wholefoodsmarket.com

SANDWICH
Girard Gourmet
(see entry under “Take-Out”)

The Cheese Shop
It may have gotten the nod for one of the area’s best sandwiches – but The Cheese Shop is way more than the proprietors prepare your confection on a frozen granite slab right in front of you. Cold Stone is introducing frozen yogurt to its fare and already offers cakes, shakes and smoothies.

Cold Stone Creamery
909 Prospect St.
454-2300
www.Coldstonecreamery.com

PIZZA
La Valenciana
(see entry under “Sunday Brunch”)

Michele Coulon Dessertier

DESSERTS
Michele Coulon Dessertier
Michele Coulon, former ballerina and member of the legendary Coulon family, worked as a chef in her family’s restaurant after years of living in Paris. Serving French wine, a light lunch menu and sinful sweets, Coulon’s pas de deux is her specialty. A side of wedding cakes and elegant tortes. Enjoy the lemon Bavarian cream, orange and Myers dark rum cake, or the lemon Bavarian cream.

Su Casa Mexican & Seafood Restaurant
Su Casa – “your home” – is a local landmark that dates to the ’60s. The interior is appropriately comfortable and casual, with a reduced main dining room, a colorful bar and an outdoor covered patio, each with its own vibe. A corner fireplace and a tropical fish tank center the dining room, which is lined with coveted, copy booths. A banquet room is available for private parties of up to 50. The menu includes seafood specialties and regional Mexican dishes side by side. All entrees are served with rice and beans.

Su Casa Mexican & Seafood Restaurant
6738 La Jolla Blvd.
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Voted Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt
Cold Stone Creamery
Cold Stone Creamery has only been around here for two years, but it approaches customer service like a traditional establishment. Its ice creams and sorbets are handmade every day just for you – and the thing is that you get to choose whatever mix-in you bloody well want as the proprietors prepare your confection on a frozen granite slab right in front of you. Cold Stone is introducing frozen yogurt to its fare and already offers cakes, shakes and smoothies.

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Caffe Panini
Fresh Mediterranean food, large portions and decent prices mark Caffe Panini, a chain for an upscale, educated eater. Panini opened in June, and the owners hope to take the concept a long way. Owner Ali Kazemi provides consistently gourmet kabobs, panini (Italian sandwiches) and Bahaganaq for the locals. Prices are low, and portions are large.

**STEAK**

Donovan’s of La Jolla

They may look good enough to eat, but the paintings and sculptures at Donovan’s of La Jolla are strictly off limits – so you’ll have to content yourself with the USDA prime beef, the eatery’s star attraction. If steak isn’t in the plan, pork and veal chops and succulent seafood will satisfy the most discriminating of palates. And at Donovan’s, fresh seasonal vegetables and your choice of potato are always included with each entrée. Donovan’s also knows when to separate business from pleasure – drop-down screens, broadband Internet and audio-video equipment is available for presentations in the private dining areas.

Donovan’s of La Jolla
4340 La Jolla Village Drive
450-6666

Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar

At last count, San Diego proper had about 14 wine bars in it. The oldest datesto1995 and, obviously, opened well before wine bars became the trendy phenomenon they are today. But one such place – Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar – has been around for nine years itself and has learned its way around wine accordingly. Appetizers, meats, seafood, salads, so-called Discovery Dinners and desserts: They all cry for accompaniment by any of Fleming’s 100 wines by the glass and reserve list of more than 80 selections from the world’s most celebrated vineyards. Coming soon: Discovery Flights, featuring three different wines of your choice.

Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
8970 University Center Lane
535-0078
www.flemingssteakhouse.com

**BULLY’S**

Bully’s La Jolla

Several people connected with San Diego’s jazz community cite the need for greater interest in their genre – but in those discussions, Bully’s somehow gets missed as one of the presenting venues (it features live jazz on Sunday nights). Add the expanded cocktail, beer and appetizer selections, and Bully’s has reason to stake its claim as a premiere prime rib establishment 40 years running.

Bully’s La Jolla
5755 La Jolla Blvd.
459-2768
www.bullyslajolla.signonsandiego.com

**SUSHI**

Sushi on the Rock

The PR buzz on this 10-year-old staple says the chefs are “crazy.” We’re assured, however, that there’s no truth to that in the literal sense – it only means they’re creative and innovative. They have a lot to work with, too. Sushi on the Rock serves just about every kind of raw fish you can imagine, especially the spicy and Southwestern combinations, and that means those “crazy” chefs have lots more material for their concoctions. Even now, the place is introducing several new specialty rolls, and there’s a house sake to wash it all down with.

Sushi on the Rock
7734-R Herschel Ave.
456-1138

**ZENBU**

Zenbu

Zenbu means “all” in Japanese, and this eatery offers it all – both a traditional sushi bar experience and modern Asian cuisine. Owned and operated by local restaurateur Matt Rimel, Zenbu is the result of a lifelong passion for fishing and great food. Rimel owns a commercial fishing boat and seafood company Ocean Giant, which has a worldwide fleet that fishes exclusively for Rimel’s restaurants and clients. Next door to Zenbu is the newly opened Zenbu Lounge, where you can relax in an intimate setting as local DJs spin Thursday through Saturday nights. The lounge also features signature cocktails and late-night dining with master sushi chef Tim Johnson.

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Cameron Niles mixes it up at the Bully’s bar.
Perched atop an oceanside bluff, the Crab Catcher offers a spectacular view. The elevated dining room showcases its range of talent with dishes such as crab-stuffed Hawaiian ono with chili-garlic puree; he also advises you take a break and settle in for a long-time customer.

Fresh[er] (see entry under ‘Overall Restaurant Service’)

AMERICAN

The Spot Restaurant (see entry under ‘Place to Go on a Budget’)

The Shores Restaurant

La Jolla boasts a ton of different culture-based restaurants, featuring fare from China to Mexico to the Mediterranean. All those choices can be daunting – so once in a while, it’s advised you take a break and settle in with some plain seafood and steak. That’s when you go to The Shores Restaurant, a premiere American-cuisine eatery, featuring classic steakhouse favorites, innovative coastal favorites and a view of the ocean that’ll make you hungry for more.

The Shores Restaurant

www.TheShoresRestaurant.com

CHINESE

Mandarin House

Mandarin House has been a La Jolla family favorite for years. The restaurant is very comfortable, and the service is friendly and courteous. It is large enough to accommodate groups and people with children. Some of the local favorites include the Hot & Sour soup, sizzling rice soup, crispy beef, asparagus chicken, Mandarin House noodles and lemon chicken. If you love authentic Chinese food, you won’t be disappointed.

Mandarin House

6765 La Jolla Blvd.
454-2555
www.mandarinhoussd.com

ITALIAN

Platti (see entry under ‘Sandwich’)

Sante Ristorante (see entry under ‘Dinner’)

FRENCH

Tapenade

Restaurant and Fine Catering

The French Gourmet (see entry under ‘Catering’)

INDIAN

Ashoka of La Jolla

It may interest you to know that India, the world’s largest democracy, is also the world’s largest lots of other things within the category of import-export. One of those categories is Indian cuisine, long known for its subtle use of spices and herbs. That’s what Ashoka of La Jolla is all about – Indian staples such as chicken, goat, lamb and fish pepper the menu, and chaat is the ideal beverage to wash it all down. In its 22 years in La Jolla, Ashoka has garnered lots of customer loyalty, and for good reason.

Ashoka of La Jolla

8008 Girard Ave.
454-6263

MEDITERRANEAN

Tattoria Acqua

Trattoria Acqua serves lots of Mediterranean cuisine, but perhaps none as curious and rare as the flying fish. Yep – the fish are flown in directly from Italy, and that’s maybe one reason this place has been voted best
Italian/Mediterranean restaurant in some paper or magazine or other the last 500 years in a row. Even so, the staff is always looking for ways to feed the beast—-it’s started a wildgame festival and introduced a truffle to your choice. You’re also welcome to enjoy wildsalmon with the beverage of your choice. Joan Kuebler’s small down-town. Joaquin’s sm all down-town.

Marketplace Grille
Marketplace Grille just got a full liquor license, which means you can enjoy wild salmon with the beverage of your choice. You’re also welcome to enjoy wild salmon with the beverage of your choice.

Jose’s Court Room
Jose’s has been delighting locals and visitors with its colorful, casual, friendly ambience since 1978. Specializing in carne asada, pollo asado and carnitas along with many other delicious, authentic Mexican specialties, this is a great place to enjoy a fabulous meal with family, friends and coworkers. Whether you come alone or with a group, you’re sure to enjoy unsurpassed quality food and friendly, conscientious service.

The Cookie Lady Bakery & Cafe
From fudge and peanut butter brownies, almond, lemon and pistachio gourmet bars, heavenly chocolate and lemon cupcakes and the most decadent cakes in town, from the chocolate raspberry to triple chocolate, The Cookie Lady’s got it all. In fact, the regulars—those who’ve been coming there for something like 20 years—take a certain pride of ownership in the place, regarding it almost like a community center. And what’s a community center without live music? The Pan nikin operates out of an 80-year-old house, which is one element of its charm. In fact, the regulars—who’ve been coming there for something like 20 years—take a certain pride of ownership in the place, regarding it almost like a community center. And what’s a community center without live music? The Pan nikin started bringing some in this past July, and you can count on it every Friday starting at 8 p.m. It goes down well amid the coffee, tea, eats and familiar companions.

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in 1999. The Zagat Guide quickly named Come On In as one of San Diego’s Top 40 restaurants. The San Diego Union-Tribune also voted the eatery’s breakfast among the area’s best. Despite the accolades, Come On In maintained its focus by providing fresh, delicious food that won’t ruin your diet, though you’d hardly know it by the taste. Signature dishes include a vast array of homemade soups, lemon soufflé pancakes, Thursday lamb shank and the catch of the day, brought in fresh every day by local fisheries.

Come On In
1038 Torrey Pines Road
551-1063
www.comeonincafe.com

VEGETARIAN
Spice & Rice
Thai Kitchen
This establishment offers a tantalizing menu and a clean-air approach to dining. Be warned: Many of the dishes are on the spicy side, like those in many Thai restaurants. The kitchen is accommodating and will moderate the seasoning to suit your taste. Most dishes can be made as a vegetarian version. Prices are quite appealing, and the Thai salads are excellent. Enjoy a little spice and rice in your life.

Spice & Rice Thai Kitchen
7734-C Girard Ave.
456-0466
www.spiceandricethaikitchen.com

CATERING
The French Gourmet
Those pesky wine boutiques are popping up with alarming regularity around here—and if you go to The French Gourmet for a meal, you’ll get a ground-floor view of one of the latest, which opened Oct. 16. Meanwhile, this La Jolla staple has been around for 29 years and in that time has managed to open its own in-house bakery and catering kitchen, ensuring the kind of customer service you’ve come to expect.

The French Gourmet
960 Turquoise St.
488-1725
www.thefrenchgourmet.com

COFFEE SHOP
Harry’s Coffee Shop
(see entry under ‘Breakfast’)

ICE CREAM/ FROZEN YOGURT
Cold Stone Creamery
(see entry under ‘Desserts’)

Froglanders La Jolla
Frozen yogurt is quite the trend, like Starbucks and glow-in-the-dark Pez dispensers. One La Jolla shop, which goes by the unlikely name of Froglanders, was the trend before the trend was the trend—since 1986, owner Ale Castro’s been doling out about 40 flavors and 1 billion toppings; today, a younger clientele, like kids from the nearby La Jolla High and The Bishop’s School are the primary beneficiaries. Now, that’s a worthwhile after-school program.

Froglanders La Jolla
915 Pearl St. Ste. A,
459-3764

PATIO DINING
George’s at the Cove
(see entry under ‘Restaurant’)

SENIOR SPECIAL
Bully’s (see entry under ‘Steak’)

WAITER/ BAR TENDER
John at Sante Ristorante (see entry under ‘Dinner’)

ANTIQUES
D.D. Allen Antiques
D.D. Allen is La Jolla’s one-stop destination for carefully selected, high-quality antiques and unique accessories. Established in 1999, it offers furniture and decorative and fine art from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Its purpose is to provide its clients the very best service and the

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Warwick's

When W.T. Warwick founded his paper goods shop in Minnesota in 1896, he sold books, writing paper and writing instruments. Upon relocating to California in the mid-1920s, Warwick re-established his store in downtown La Jolla. In 2001, the fourth generation stepped up to the plate. Nancy and Cathy Warwick, W.T. Warwick's great-granddaughters, have continued to underscore their savvy in the purchase of diverse products – from books to international art, antiques and jewelry – and have undertaken the store's third renovation. After 108 years in business, the family tradition of classic customer service and modern merchandising continue to make Warwick's an integral and historic part of the community.

Warwick's
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www.warwicks.com

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Larry, Shelia, Nancy, Chris, Kevyn, Jori, Martha, Rita & Michael

Bowers Jewelers

858-450-3678
7600 Girard Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037
Union Bank
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Union Bank
7807 Girard Ave.
551-4750
www.unionbank.com

Hotel
La Valencia
(see entry under ‘Sunday Brunch’)★

Grand Colonial
The Grand Colonial is a classic European-style hotel that makes anything in the West – and its owners made sure of that last summer, with the completion of a $4 million renovation of the adjacent Little Hotel by the Sea and the Garden Terraces. The project comprised 88 new suites, which are now open – and the work’s still going. A $2 million facelift of 75 rooms, which are a last look at the hotel’s main building, will be completed early next year. All the new construction is testament to the heritage laid down by the founders more than 90 years ago.

Grand Colonial
910 Prospect St.
454-2181

WOMEN’S APPAREL
Talbots (see photo, this page)

MEN’S APPAREL
Ascot Shop

Ascot Shop carries some of the finest men’s clothing in La Jolla, specializing in the classic ivy League look in apparel and accessories. It has been a longtime favorite in La Jolla, having opened its doors in 1950. When you see the black and white striped awning, you’ll know you’ve found the finest haberdashery around.

Ascot Shop
7750 Girard Ave.
454-4222

CHILDREN’S APPAREL
Shannon & Co.

The full lines are in at Shannon & Co. One of ‘em is called Baby Lu Lu, as seen in a million publications and on electronic media – and this establishment doesn’t stop there. The English Rosen name is a major draw as well, and Shannon’s been stocking it for years. The firm also specializes in uniqueness of selection and special orders. If you’re in the market for

California Artisan Cuisine

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www.clayslaajolla.com
Reservations: 858-551-3620
11th Floor Penthouse • Hotel La Jolla
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Jonathan’s La Jolla
If you like dried fruit and nuts on your cereal, Jonathan’s of La Jolla is the place to be. And since it’s a grocery store, you can buy the cereal there while you’re at it. The cheese and wine selections are a hit with customers too — and now, it’s taken to weekly wine tastings, those trendy phenomena that seem to pop up in everything from art galleries to gas stations. We’re not sure what it is, but we like it.

Shanon & Co.'s Children's Boutique
454-92 55
Shanon & Co. searches for European fashion leaders. Eurochild provides them the most fashion-forward and trendsetting children’s clothing from Europe. Our buyer forward and trendsetting children’s apparel, this is the way you clothing from Europe. Our buyer

Jonathan’s La Jolla
7611 Fay Ave.
454-2677

EYEWEAR
Sunglass Hut Int’l
A recognized leader in specialty-niche retailing, Sunglass Hut has 1,900 locations around the world. La Jolla is located in a high-traffic shopping and tourist area, so it’s no wonder it’s the top local pick for finding brand names at competitive prices. You can expect to find all the latest top name brands in eyewear along with outstanding customer service.

Sunglass Hut International
1049 Prospect St
459-6010
www.sunglass hut.com

SWIMSUITs
birdrock bikini (See photo, page 15)

Let’s Go Boutique
Reflecting the youthful and trendy, Let’s Go offers a wide variety of clothing, beachwear and footwear. Brand names include Moschino, True Religion, English Laundry, Black Hearts Brigade and Dragonfly, just to mention a few. The store has been in La Jolla for over a decade and embodies youthful fashion from Paris, New York, Tokyo and Milan.

Let’s Go Clothing and Footwear Boutique
7863 Girard Ave.
459-2337
www.letsgoclothing.com

JEWELERS
Bowers Jewelers
In business since 1943, Bowers is La Jolla’s oldest family-operated jewelry store. In all that time, the staff has picked up expertise on its customers’ tastes — that’s why it finds itself filling a variety of custom orders and also stocks silver, crystal, porcelain and items such as cigarette lighters, candlesticks, platters and flatware.

Bowers Jewelers
7860 Girard Ave.
459-3678

D.K. Maltin Jewelers
There’s 100’s years’ experience among the three jewelers that staff D.K. Maltin. That puts us back to 1907, the year the Irish Crown Jewel went missing. We don’t mean to suggest that Maltin had anything to do with the jewel’s disappearance — but Maltin does make a habit of selling quality jewelry from around the world, so maybe the Irish thing was worth mentioning here. Meanwhile, Maltin is known for its timelessness and its selection of extremely narrow sizes. Although it does have a clientele that comes from as far away as Orange County, it’s primarily a community business.

D.K. Maltin Jewelers
1237-M Prospect St.
454-0472

SHOE STORE
Rangoni Firenze Shoes
Its third location on Girard Avenue, Rangoni Firenze Shoes is serving its third generation of La Jollans. For nearly four decades, the store has been known for its timeless styles and its large selection of extremely narrow sizes. Although it does have a clientele that comes from as far away as Orange County, it’s primarily a community business.

Rangoni Shoes
7870 Girard Ave.
459-4469

DRY CLEANER
Margaret’s Cleaners
The flagship location in La Jolla includes a central processing facility with a customer call center adjacent to the plant. The skill set involved has been extremely difficult to develop, and we can’t imagine how difficult it would be to duplicate. In 1995, Margaret’s began to offer services to the garment retailers of San Diego, providing garment cleaning, restoration and evaluation. This part of the business requires a full-time representative to coordinate and serve the retailers.

Margaret’s Dry Cleaners
7511 La Jolla Blvd.
454-2375
www.margarets.com

GROCERY STORE
Jonathan’s (See photo, page 14)

Vons
More than just a grocery store, Vons of La Jolla provides shoppers with an extensive wine selection, gourmet food items, select meats and a wonderful variety of fresh produce. The on-site bakery and floral shop will assist you with all your special orders. No time to cook? Vons provides a mouth-watering selection of take-out foods and deli items daily. The building’s architecture blends nicely with the natural charm of La Jolla.

Vons
7544 Girard Ave.
454-2620

FLORIST
Chayet Travel
Chayet Travel Network will go the extra mile to ensure the planning of your travel experience is as easy and stress-free as possible. We are totally committed to ensuring our many clients consistently enjoy excellent value and memorable travel adventures. Our La Jolla location offers a full range of high-end travel or exclusive travel arrangements for those who want something more than just a package.

Chayet Travel
7724 Fay Ave.
459-8000
www.chayettavel.com

PET HOSPITAL
La Jolla Veterinary Hospital
La Jolla Veterinary Hospital specializes in the treatment of small animals, primarily cats and dogs. The hospital was founded in 1946 and continues to provide top-quality veterinary care to pets in La Jolla and San Diego County. The doctors at La Jolla Veterinary Hospital are committed to providing excellent, compassionate care and service for you and your pets.

La Jolla Veterinary Hospital
7520 Fay Ave.
454-6155
www.lajollavet.com

HAIR SALON
Alessandro Hair Salon
Location, location, location. You’re heard it cited time and again as a critical factor in a business’ success. Alessandro Hair Salon is located on La Jolla’s Fay Avenue, and that puts it within styling distance of an incredible number and range of art galleries, restaurants and shops. If you’re thinking of stepping out of that band box of yours, you should be thinking Alessandro.

Alessandro Hair Salon
7825 Fay Ave., No. 135
456-5887

DAY SPA
SK Sanctuary
SK Sanctuary is a medical day spa, which means it is equipped to handle a lot more than your hair and nails. Mildly invasive procedures such as injections and laser treatments are available to supplement the exterior aesthetics package of your choice, and SK has just launched three new skin care lines — Epionce, Skin-Tx and Vi-Peel. They strive to revitalize you inside and out.

SK Sanctuary
6919 La Jolla Blvd.
454-2900
www.sk-sanctuary.com

La Jolla Spa MD
La Jolla Spa MD is a landmark center combining cosmetic breakthroughs of science and medicine with the art of vision, creativity and skill to bring you the ultimate in rejuvenation. The spa’s passion, driven by knowledge, English Laundry, beautiful, youthful and radiant you. A board-certified physician is on the premises at all times, along with a staff of specially trained nurse practitioners. La Jolla Spa MD offers an environment staffed with dedicated medical authorities, ensuring
that the most quality care is administered to each and every client.

La Jolla Spa MD
7630 Fay Ave.
459-6868
www.spa-md.com

HEALTH CLUB
The Sporting Club
Walk through the doors of The Sporting Club if your goal is a strong, healthy body and a relaxed and confident state of mind. The Sporting Club provides state-of-the-art equipment and qualified instructors to find the right programs for members.

7825 Fay Ave.
456-2395
www.thesportingclub.com

YOGA
Bikram Yoga La Jolla
While all yoga contributes to a healthful lifestyle, Bikram yoga is different in two ways. It’s practiced in a heated room to help muscles stretch so the practitioner can move with greater ease and rid the body of toxins. It’s also no respecter of persons — beginners, advanced students and everyone in between can enjoy the benefits of the full practice. And you’ll be practicing in a beautiful new studio, with lots of windows to bring the outside in.

Bikram Yoga La Jolla
565 Pearl St., lower level
454-8642
www.bikramyolajolla.com

Voted Best Swimsuits
birdrock bikini
La Jolla has three seasons — summer, January and February. Birdrock bikini says it has the right swimwear for each and will go to the ends of the planet to find one-piece special orders to boot. The new fall lines also include Billabong sweaters, T-shirts, cover-ups, bags, accessories and even suits for the little ones. Add excellent customer service, and birdrock bikini has you — uh — covered.

Birdrock bikini
5651 La Jolla Blvd.
454-1887
www.birdrockbikini.com

SENIOR LIVING FACILITY
Case de Mañana
Casa de Manana has read of local media awards that came before this one, and that’s a testament to the trappings that have made this a community favorite since its advent in La Jolla in 1953. The oceanside location is one of the most spectacular spots on the coast, a charmed piece of earth where the view changes daily. La Jolla Village and its restaurants, shops and art galleries are but a stroll away, and the Spanish-style courtyard, with its handcrafted-tile fountain is always a favorite destination.

Case de Mañana
849 Coast Blvd
(858) 454-2151
www.casademana.org

White Sands
While your lifestyle is definitely your choice, with as much privacy as you desire, there are many activities for you to enjoy at White Sands of La Jolla even as a $45 million renovation nears completion. Enjoy concerts, water aerobics classes or trips to nearby musical and stage performances. You can browse through our well-stocked library, indulge your creativity in our hobby rooms or take a walk on the beach. Jacuzzis, gardens, exercise rooms, even travel arrangements: White Sands is here for your comfort.

White Sands of La Jolla
7450 Olivas Ave.
454-4201
www.whitesands.signonsandiego.com

TANNING SALON
iTan
it was voted the No. 1 tanning salon in La Jolla and San Diego.

iTan
7492 La Jolla Blvd.
454-3873
www.itansandiego.com

Voted Best Florist
Adelaide’s Florist
Committed to offering only the finest floral arrangements and gifts, Adelaide’s prides itself on friendly and prompt service. Another family-owned and operated business in La Jolla for over 50 years, Adelaide’s is committed to putting its customers first, and the professional staff is dedicated to making their experience a pleasant one. The company has grown with La Jolla — it now has 43 employees.

Adelaide’s Florist and Decorators
7766 Girard Ave.
454-0146
www.adelaidesflowers.com

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