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## READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

AND THE FAVORITES ARE...

The polls have closed and your votes are in! Yep, it's that time of year, time to reveal the 2nd Annual Reader's Choice Awards as chosen by you, our faithful readers. This year there were several repeat winners – so we know somebody's doing it right! – as well as some new faces at the party. Best of all, we have tons of great inside scoop on where to go, what to do, who to hire and where to eat. So, as they say at the carny, "Step right up, folks. Everyone's a winner!" ▶

AWARDS '06



**Favorite Ice Cream**

1. Cold Stone Creamery
2. Baskin Robbins
3. 18 Degrees

**Honorable Mention:** Leatherby's

**Favorite Pizza**

1. Round Table
2. ZPizza
3. Cool River Pizza

**Honorable Mention:** Original Pete's

**Other notable:** Mountain Mike's Pizza

**Favorite Burger & Fries**

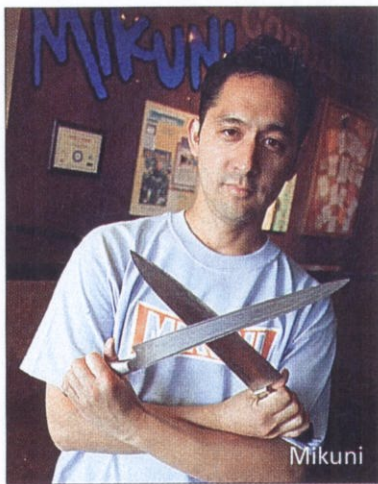
1. In-N-Out
2. Islands Restaurant
3. The Habit Burger Grill

**Honorable Mention:** Red Robin

**Other notable:** Original Mel's Diner

*Editor's Note: With both Islands and The Habit Burger Grill coming to the area, burger competition here is getting fierce. This, of course, only works to our benefit.*

**FAVORITE SUSHI**



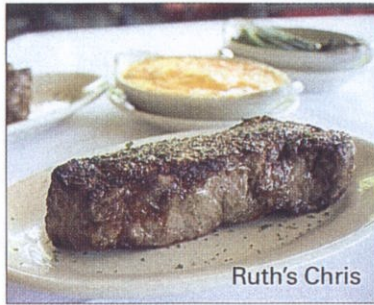
Mikuni

1. Mikuni Japanese Restaurant
2. Gen Sushi
3. Akebono Japanese Restaurant

**Honorable Mention:** Sushi Unlimited

**Other notable:** Osaka Japanese Cuisine

**FAVORITE STEAK**



Ruth's Chris

1. Ruth's Chris Steak House
2. Carver's Steak and Chops
3. Stuart Anderson's Black Angus

**Honorable Mention:** Cattlemens Restaurant

**Other notable:** Outback Steakhouse

*Editor's Note: We warned you last year that the powerhouse Ruth's Chris was on its way, and sure enough, it cooked up enough votes to be chosen prime destination. Sorry, but we just can't resist the opportunity to say "Told you so!"*

**Favorite Burrito**

1. Chipotle
2. Dos Coyotes Border Café
3. El Aztecas Taqueria

**Honorable Mention:** Jalisco Grill

**Other notable:** Qdoba Mexican Grill

**Favorite Spaghetti**

1. Pasghetti
2. Spaghetti Factory
3. Romano's Macaroni Grill

**Honorable Mention:** Olive Garden Italian Restaurant

**Other notable:** Pasta Pomodoro

**Favorite Pad Thai**

1. Thai Basil
2. Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar
3. Gourmet Thai

**Honorable Mention:** Muang Thai

**Other notable:** Jitra Thai

**Favorite Romantic Restaurant**

1. Il Fornaio
2. La Provence
3. The Melting Pot

**Honorable Mention:** Slocum House

**Other notable:** Ruth's Chris Steak House

**Favorite Tailor**

1. Four Seasons
2. Alterations Express

**Favorite Outdoor Dining**

1. La Provence

2. Il Fornaio

3. Town Lounge

**Honorable Mention:** Café Bernardo

**Other notable:** Pluto's Fresh Food for a Hungry Universe

*Editor's Note: We're sure that, although Café Bernardo will be sorely missed, Mas will be a welcome replacement (although we're a bit curious as to exactly how many Mexican restaurants Roseville can accommodate).*

**Favorite Takeout Restaurant**

1. Pick Up Stix

2. Daphne's Greek Café

3. A Dash of Panache

**Honorable Mention:** Pei Wei Asian Diner

**Other notable:** Kinders Meats-Deli-BBQ



**FAVORITE OVERALL RESTAURANT**

1. La Provence

2. Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar

3. P.F. Chang's China Bistro

**Honorable Mention:** Il Fornaio

**Other notable:** Mikuni Japanese Restaurant

*Editor's Note: La Provence is certainly (and deservedly) a huge favorite in several categories this year; but should be prepared for the opening of potential culinary giants, Crush 29 and Cena di Mare. We also bid a sad farewell to two sure-to-be-missed eateries – Le Billig in Auburn and Horseshoe Bar Grill in Loomis.*

## FAVORITE COCKTAILS



Town Lounge

1. Town Lounge
2. La Provence
3. Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar

**Honorable Mention:** Il Fornaio

**Other notable:** Mandango's Sports Bar & Grill

*Editor's Note: We all know how tasty the La Provence Lemon Drop is, but one of our new favorite libations is the refreshing Flirtini at Town Lounge. Still, there is also a good case to be made for the decadent Chocolate Martini at Fat's.*

## Favorite Coffee or Tea

1. Starbucks
2. It's A Grind Coffee House
3. Peet's Coffee & Tea

**Honorable Mention:** Perfect Blend Café

**Other notable:** La Bou Bakery & Café

## Favorite Happy Hour

1. BJ's Brewery & Restaurant
2. Islands Restaurant
3. Mark & Monica's Sports Grille

**Honorable Mention:** Mandango's Sports Bar & Grill

**Other notable:** Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar

## Favorite Bar

1. Mandango's Sports Bar & Grill
2. Mark & Monica's Sports Grille
3. Il Fornaio

**Honorable Mention:** P.F. Chang's China Bistro

**Other notable:** Regan's Irish Pub

## Favorite Local Winery

1. Villa Toscano
2. Boeger
3. Lava Cap

**Honorable Mention:** Renwood

**Other notable:** Mount Vernon

## Favorite Day Trip

1. Lake Tahoe
2. Napa Valley
3. Folsom Lake

**Honorable Mention:** San Francisco

**Other notable:** Amador County wineries

## Favorite Gym/Health Club

1. Roseville Health and Wellness Center
2. Gold's Gym
3. 24 Hour Fitness

**Honorable Mention:** California Family Fitness

**Other notable:** Johnson Ranch Racquet Club

## Favorite Golf Course

1. Granite Bay Golf Club
2. Woodcreek Golf Club
3. Whitney Oaks Golf Club

**Honorable Mention:** Turkey Creek Golf Club

**Other notable:** Diamond Oaks Golf Course

## Favorite Spiritual Leader

1. Ray Johnson of Bayside Church
2. Rick Stedman of Adventure Christian Church
3. Tim Bally of Adventure Christian Church

## Favorite Photo Spot

1. Folsom Lake
2. Lake Tahoe
3. Old Sacramento

**Honorable Mention:** 18th tee at Granite Bay Golf Club



House of Bread

## FAVORITE BAKERY

1. House of Bread
2. Alise Bakery & Café
3. Cest Bon European Bakery Deli

**Honorable Mention:**

Ettore's European Bakery

**Other notable:**

La Bou Bakery & Café



Shaena Casiano

## FAVORITE WAITPERSON

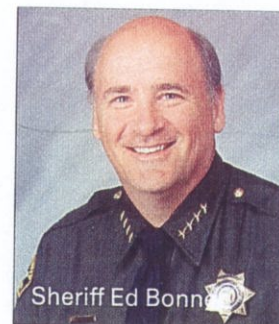
1. Shaena Casiano at Pasghetti
2. Cynthia Riolo at Delish Restaurant
3. Eric Wong at Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar



## FAVORITE BEST-KEPT SECRET

1. Magic Circle Theatre
2. Nina's Dessert Café
3. Roseville Parks & Recreation

## FAVORITE LOCAL HERO



Sheriff Ed Bonner

1. Placer County Sheriff Ed Bonner
2. Roseville police
3. City of Roseville Mayor Gina Garbolino



## FAVORITE LOCAL ARTIST



Diedre Trudeau

1. Diedre Trudeau
2. Margot Corner
3. David Lobenberg

## Favorite Place to Take Out-of-Town Visitors

1. Old Sacramento
2. Folsom Lake
3. Amador wineries

**Editor's Note:** Our favorite response to this question was, "Back to the airport!" Now there's someone who certainly prefers to fly solo!

## Favorite Museum

1. Crocker Art Museum
2. California State Railroad Museum
3. Maidu Interpretive Center

**Honorable Mention:** Roseville Telephone Museum

**Other notable:** McClellan Air Museum

**Editor's Note:** Best response to this? "My mom's house." All we can say is that we know what you mean!

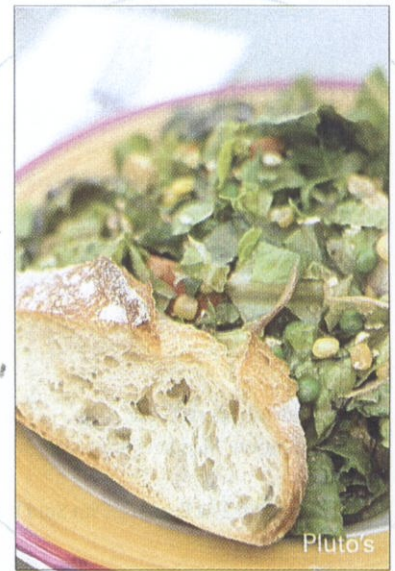
## Favorite Annual Event or Festival

1. Downtown Tuesday Nights
2. Strawberry Festival
3. Placer County Fair

**Honorable Mention:** Rocklin Jubilee

**Other notable:** Roseville 4th of July

## FAVORITE SALAD



1. Pluto's Fresh Food for a Hungry Universe
2. Fresh Choice
3. Delish Restaurant

**Honorable Mention:** La Bou Bakery & Café

**Other notable:** A Dash of Panache  
**Editor's Note:** For us, there really is no tastier or more addicting salad than the beautifully presented Fuji apple salad with blue cheese at Town Lounge – absolutely divine!

## Favorite Kid's Activity

1. Golland/Sunplash
2. Sacramento Zoo
3. Skatetown

**Honorable Mention:** Folsom Zoo

**Other notable:** Chuck E. Cheese's

**Editor's Note:** If you're looking for a less expensive way – and possibly less noisy – way to spend time with your ankle-biters, don't forget all the fantastic parks in our area.

## Favorite Park

1. Maidu Park
2. Royer Park
3. Granite Bay Community Park

**Honorable Mention:** Hillsborough Park

## Favorite Hair Stylist

1. Christie Kling at Adora Bella Spa & Salon
2. Patty Hansen at Selah Day Spa & Salon
3. Stacy Steffenson at Zimbali A Spa Salon

## FAVORITE BARTENDER



Paul Ottoviano

1. Paul Ottoviano at La Provence
2. Erik Park at Mikuni Japanese Restaurant
3. Aaron Davis at Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar

## Favorite Place for a Massage

1. Massage Envy
2. Roseville Heath & Wellness Center
3. Atrium Spa Salon

**Honorable Mention:** Bellagio Day Spa & Nail Salon

**Editor's Note:** Is there really such a thing as a bad massage? Just asking.

## Favorite Personal Trainer

1. Breann Zweck at Roseville Health & Wellness Center
2. Elizabeth Germain at Roseville Health & Wellness Center
3. Suzanne Moen at Roseville Health & Wellness Center

**Editor's Note:** Seems to us that those folks over at Roseville Health & Wellness sure do love their trainers. Another notable mention is Doug Casebier at Gold's Gym in Granite Bay, one exceptionally skilled sculptor of muscle.

## Favorite Web Site

1. [www.roseville.ca.us](http://www.roseville.ca.us)
2. [www.sacramento.craigslist.org](http://www.sacramento.craigslist.org)
3. [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com)

**Editor's Note:** For those of us addicted to our weekly TV shows (Grey's Anatomy, anyone?), a must-visit Web site is [www.televisionwithoutpity.com](http://www.televisionwithoutpity.com). It's worth it for the acidic tongue-in-cheek episode recaps alone.

**FAVORITE AUTO REPAIR**



- 1. Bubba's Auto Care
- 2. Made in Japan
- 3. Roseville Toyota

**Favorite Neighborhood in Which to Live**

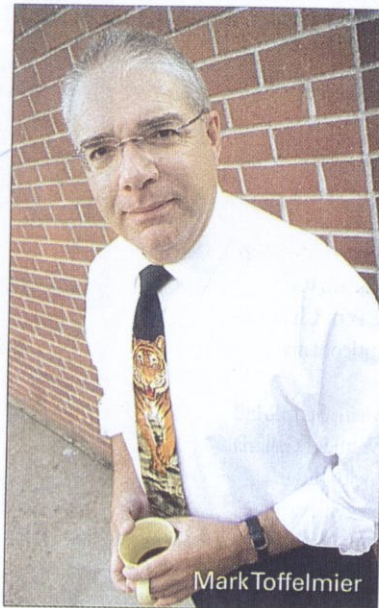
- 1. Woodcreek
- 2. Johnson Ranch
- 3. Crocker Ranch

**Honorable Mention:** Stoneridge

**Other notable:** Los Lagos

*Editor's Note: One question: do you think Wexford is feeling snubbed?*

**FAVORITE TEACHER**



- 1. Mark Toffelmier – Roseville High School
- 2. Ron Martin – Ridgeview Middle School
- 3. Marcie Morrill – Vencil Brown Elementary School

**Favorite Florist**

- 1. Becky's Flowers
- 2. Bartlett Flowers & Gifts
- 3. Blossoms and Balloons

**Favorite Art Gallery**

- 1. Artful-Blend Gallery
- 2. 20th Street Art Gallery

**FAVORITE PICNIC SPOT**



- 1. Folsom Lake
- 2. Royer Park
- 3. Maidu Park

**Honorable Mention:** Apple Hill

**Other notable:** My living room



**FAVORITE PLACE TO VOLUNTEER**

- 1. Placer SPCA
- 2. Habitat for Humanity
- 3. Maidu Community Center

**Honorable Mention:** Adventure Christian Church

**Other notable:** Bayside Church

**FAVORITE LOCAL MUSICIAN**



- 1. Mumbo Gumbo
- 2. Steve Browning



**FAVORITE PLAYGROUND**

- 1. Royer Park
- 2. Maidu Park
- 3. Hillsborough Park



### FAVORITE PHOTOGRAPHER



1. Mike Martin
2. Dawn Roberts
3. Devin Bruce

*Editor's Note: Not that we're biased or anything, but in the interest of full disclosure, we must note that Sierrastyle's own Devin Bruce really is the bomb!*

### Favorite Pet Groomer

1. PetSmart
2. Granite Bay Pet Grooming
3. Wags to Riches

### Favorite Local Bank

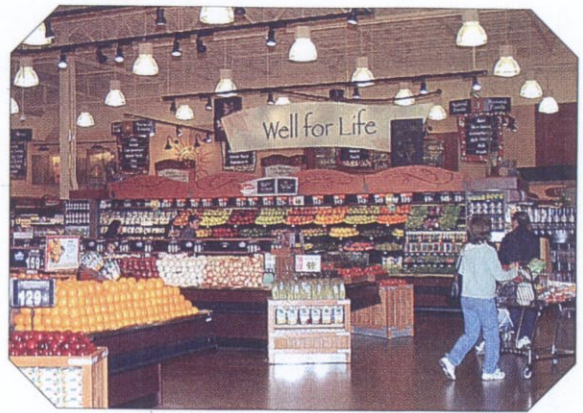
1. Wells Fargo Bank
2. Golden 1 Credit Union
3. Safe Credit Union

### Favorite Dry Cleaner

1. Bud's Dry Cleaning
2. Judi's Cleaners
3. Fresh Cleaners

### FAVORITE PRODUCE DEPARTMENT

1. Raley's
2. Bel-Air
3. Trader Joe's



### Favorite Gift Shop

1. William Glen
2. Le Petit Chateau
3. Apricot Lane

### Favorite Strip Mall

1. Westfield Galleria
2. Rocky Ridge
3. Roseville Square

*Editor's Note: Just wanted to inject a dose of mall reality here – the Galleria isn't a strip mall. It's an actual mall. Really.*

### Favorite Store in Which to Shop

1. Nordstrom
2. Macy's
3. Target

**Honorable Mention:** Roseville Meat Market

*Editor's Note: Not to be sexist, but you just know that the person who specified in shopping at the meat market has to be a guy. Seriously.*

### Favorite Pot Stickers

1. Fat's Asia Bistro & Dim Sum Bar
2. P.F. Chang's China Bistro
3. Pick Up Stix

**Honorable Mention:** Roseville Gourmet

**Other notable:** Wonderful Chinese Restaurant

*Editor's Note: If you've never tried the Honey Walnut Prawns at Fat's (not to mention the garlic green beans – to die for!), then you are truly missing a sweet bite of heaven.*

*Editor's Note: Thanks to all our readers who took the time to cast their votes for local favorites. This year, the number of respondents more than doubled. Can't wait to see what's on the menu for next year! •*



### FAVORITE PLACE FOR A FACIAL

1. Luxe
2. Ooh La La Spa Salon
3. Atrium Salon Spa