EATING Continued

Place to Buy Bread

D'Angelo Bread

dangelobread.com

"Being the best for us means achieving a high standard of quality and service, which has always been our goal," said GM Alex Natrielli. "It's also an incentive to continue improving and offering a unique product and service to our customers. The relationship with our customers has been built over the years to offer a warm and familiar environment. We are honored and grateful for everyone who voted for us. You are the reason for all our efforts to always do the best."

Runner-Up: Oat Bakery

Cupcakery

Crushcakes & Café

crushcakes.com

Crushcakes crushed our readers' votes once again! Though the Carpinteria location closed this year, owner Shannon M. Gaston said the Goleta and Santa Barbara cafés have been going strong. "We stayed open through COVID doing our entire menu as take-out and delivery, and we added additional patio space for outdoor dining." After their Black Lives Matter artwork was defaced, Gaston started a new project called C2C (Crushcakes 2 Communities), donating the profits from specific baked goods to social justice organizations.

Runner-Up: Nothing Bundt Cakes

Bagel Shop

Jack's Bistro & Famous Bagels

bagelnet.com

Consistently earning best bagel bragging rights since it opened in 1995, Jack's Bistro & Famous Bagels is your go-to spot for yummy wheels of deliciousness in every flavor imaginable. "Great food. Fast service. Great outdoor seating," said reader Zoe. "It's cheap and easy to grab in the mornings to start the day, and the selection is broad and fresh," said reader Kailyn. With locations in Santa Barbara and Carpinteria, Jack's is the closest thing you'll get to New York here at home.

Runner-Up: I.V. Bagel Café

Goleta Restaurant

Beachside Bar Café

beachside-barcafe.com

After 36 years as Goleta's favorite beachfront spot, Beachside Bar Café has certainly nailed its winning combination of food, fun, atmosphere, and ambience. This perennial winner sits just above the sand and Goleta Pier, and serves expertly prepared fish and other items for lunch and dinner in the tropical-style dining room, on the glass-walled open-air patio, at the oyster bar, or in the big, full-service bar — all with wide views of the ocean and sandy beach.

Runner-Up: Kyle's Kitchen

Carpinteria Restaurant

Rincon Brewery

rinconbrewery.com

"Their food is always delicious and beer is always refreshing," said reader Diana. "During this pandemic they have proven to place the health of customers and staff above everything to ensure we can still dine in and feel some sort of normalcy. I appreciate them so much." She's obviously not alone in her gratitude for Rincon Brewery, which opened its doors in Carpinteria in 2014. This summer they opened a craft tap room in the Funk Zone, as well.

Runner-Up: The Palms

Isla Vista Restaurant

Freebirds World Burrito

879 Embarcadero del Norte, Isla Vista;
(805) 968-0123

Catering to the late-night cravings of hungry college students since 1987, the original branch of this now successful chain is still locally owned and still churning out some of your favorite grub year after year. With readers' comments like "the best burrito in the world," "build your own, no comparison anywhere else," "fresh and good," and "good food, good mood," it's no surprise that Freebirds is once again the Best Isla Vista Restaurant pick.

Runner-Up: Woodstock's Pizza

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Buellton 209 E Hwy 246
Santa Maria 985 E Betteravia Road