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*Winners "Best Birthday Cake" SusieCakes and "Best Place to Mix & Mingle If Single" Shade Hotel



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V IS FOR VIEW

Best Vista in the South Bay

Nelson's at Terranea

Imagine you're cuddled up by one of the resort's many fire pits, wine glass in hand, watching the sun set on the Pacific. To your right, Point Vicente Lighthouse. To your left, Portuguese Bend. Straight ahead, Catalina Island. Not too bad! Aren't we lucky all that's right in our backyard? Head to Nelson's and experience for yourself.

100 Terranea Way in Rancho Palos Verdes. 310-265-2836, terranea.com

Finalists

- ★ Del Cerro Park
- ★ La Venta Inn
- ★ Ocean Bar

of Lobster Dynamite. Number one seller? Crispy Spicy Tuna, deeply fried rice topped with avocado and sliced jalapeno pepper. Perfect washed down with a cold Asahi beer.

302 Rosecrans Avenue in Manhattan Beach. 310-546-3761. katsu-sushi.com

Finalists

- ★ O-sho Sushi
- ★ Penny Lane
- ★ Sashi Sushi + Sake Lounge
- ★ Sun & Moon Cafe

Best Burrito Joint

Brother's Burritos

The unassuming storefront just south of the pier in Hermosa draws a loyal customer base for everything from breakfast bowls to quesadillas. But the build-your-own burritos are the true stars at this family-owned business. Chances are you'll see our founder and chairman Todd Klawin sitting at the counter. He's a regular.

24 11th Street in Hermosa Beach. 310-372-0707. brothersburritos.com

Finalists

- ★ El Burrito
- ★ El Gringo
- ★ La Penita
- ★ El Tarasco

Best Birthday Cake

SusieCakes

Sure, the red velvet cupcake is awesome, but we can't get over the super moist and delicious multi-layered vanilla cake covered in the signature Susie Blue buttercream frosting. Add some colored sprinkles, a scripted message and a few candles and call it a party on a plate.

3500 N. Sepulveda Boulevard in Manhattan Beach. 310-303-3780. susiecakesbakery.com

Finalists

- ★ Beckers Bakery & Deli
- ★ Cake Bakeshop



mar'sel's Chef Fiorelli

- ★ Cupcakes Couture
- ★ Torrance Bakery

Best Romantic Rendezvous

mar'sel

Terranea Resort's fine dining venue already has a lot going for it: a spacious, moonlit patio, breathtaking ocean views, intoxicating wines and cocktails. Add to the mix Chef Michael Fiorelli's impeccable "California with a twist" cuisine, and how could you not fall madly in love?

100 Terranea Way in Rancho Palos Verdes. 310-265-2836. terranea.com/marsel

Finalists

- ★ Aimee's Bistro
- ★ Café Pacific at Trump
- ★ Petros Restaurant
- ★ Telia's Restaurant

Best Burger

Simmzy's

"Best Beer" meets "Best Burger" for the ultimate happy meal. Chef partner Anne Conness serves up the original— Omaha natural angus beef, Simmzy's smoked onions, melted cheddar, garlic aioli, lettuce and tomato. Add Hill's applewood bacon, avocado and balsamic roasted

shitakes, or substitute grilled chicken breast or tofu. Remember, happy.

229 Manhattan Beach Boulevard in Manhattan Beach. 310-546-1201. simmzys.com

Finalists

- ★ The Counter El Segundo
- ★ Hudson House
- ★ Ocean Bar
- ★ Union Cattle Company



Simmzy's

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★★★

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O IS FOR OFF
THE FARM**Best Fresh Produce****Grow Manhattan Beach**

"Comparing our produce to supermarket produce is like comparing apples to oranges," says Grow owners Barry and Kathy Fisher. The couple grew up in farm country and proudly bring a knowledge and love for wholesome products to the South Bay. Straight from the farm to your grocery bag, try the Buck navel oranges. You won't be disappointed.

1830 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
in Manhattan Beach. 310-545-
2904, growtps.com

Finalists

- ★ Manhattan Beach Farmers Market
- ★ Riviera Village Farmers Market
- ★ Sprouts Farmers Market

P

P IS FOR PETALS

Best Florist**Growing Wild**

Sister act Lisa Hoven Gallien and Lee Hoven Bakos bring two decades experience to their much-frequented, much-loved flower shop in downtown Manhattan Beach. Fresh and fragrant, their delightful designs pop up everywhere from the dining room centerpiece to the bridal bouquet. Stop by around the holidays when they transform the store into a floral winter wonderland.

1201 Highland Avenue in Man-
hattan Beach. 310-545-4432,
growingwild.net



Grow Manhattan Beach

Finalists

- ★ Lily Pad Floral Design
- ★ Magical Blooms
- ★ Rolling Hills Flower Market
- ★ The Yellow Vase

Q

Q IS FOR QUIET

**The Best Place to Get
Away From It All****The Spa at Terranea**

Location. Location. Location. Situated at the edge of the property with the ocean a massage stone's throw away, this tranquil sanctuary feels so peaceful and removed, even the seagulls keep the noise at bay. Before or after treatment, surrender to the outdoor whirlpool in the private patio or curl up with tea and a magazine in the treatment room. iPhone and

Blackberry reception rather weak ... what a shame.

100 Terranea Way in Rancho
Palos Verdes. 310-265-2740,
terranea.com

Finalists

- ★ Del Cerro Park
- ★ Palos Verdes Cove
- ★ Palos Verdes Land Conservancy

R

R IS FOR RETAIL

**Best Place to Buy a Gift
for a Guy****Becker**

Totally dude. Well, they have stuff for the ladies too, but South Bay guys dig the selection of choice merchandise. Paddleboards, surfboards (Her-

mosa Beach-made for more than 25 years), skateboards, wetsuits, casual apparel and accessories—how could you go wrong? You could buy him another boring necktie.

301 Pier Avenue in Her-
mosa Beach. 310-372-6419,
beckersurf.com

Finalists

- ★ Manhattan Denim
- ★ Morgan's Jewelers
- ★ Medawar Fine Jewelers
- ★ Wright's

Best Lingerie**Lulu's**

Oo la la. European undergarments abound at this seductive boutique nestled in downtown Manhattan Beach. Don't be fooled by the unassuming storefront ... inside you'll find enough silk and lace unmentionables to start a South Bay heat wave. Your boudoir never looked so good.

300 Manhattan Beach Boule-
vard in Manhattan Beach. 310-
798-4577, lulusmb.com

Finalists

- ★ Avisha Lingerie
- ★ Free People
- ★ Wink Room at Rolling Hills Flower Mart

Best Shoe Selection**Double Take**

Specializing in one-of-a-kind consignment and resale, Andrea Plsek opened this design dream boutique for haute couture-starved South Bay fashionistas. The shoes take the cake, with such names in supply as Jimmy Choo and Donald Pliner. Grab the perfect pair before someone else does!

3216 Manhattan Avenue in
Hermosa Beach. 310-796-9034,
idoubletake.com

Finalists

- ★ David's Shoes
- ★ Elleni Couture
- ★ Papillon Redondo Beach