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## TOP 100 BAY AREA RESTAURANTS



What a difference a year makes. In last year's Top 100 Restaurants issue, I wrote about how restaurant prices were rising, especially in San Francisco because of the health care initiative. This year, things have changed: Lower prices rule the day.

As I updated this year's selections, I realized I was revising prices downward -- sometimes not by much, but anything is significant considering that food costs have continued to escalate.

In addition to lower prices, there's a continual stream of restaurants offering fixed-price menus, happy hour specials and other good deals. It's a great time to eat out -- prices are reasonable and quality remains high. Putting together the Top 100 each year is a challenge. Even in tough times, new restaurants continue to open, and the last 15 months or so are no exception...

### Nettie's Crab Shack ★★★

2032 Union St. (near Buchanan)  
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The fish is among the freshest around at this Cow Hollow seafood house. Crab Feed Sundays are a highlight, as are dishes like the lobster roll, clam chowder and crab cakes. Non-fish eaters have options as well, like a satisfying burger. A Top 10 new restaurant of 2008. -- Michael Bauer

#### Hours

Lunch 11:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; dinner 5-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

#### Features

- Online Reservation
- Credit Cards: Accepted
- Full Bar
- Parking: Difficult
- Parking: Street