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## Best of the Bay Reader's Poll

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We're not the only ones with opinions around here. You're out there scouting the Bay every day, too. That's why we asked you what you love, and 2,665 of you sent us the skinny. (For the complete list of categories and winners, visit [www.sanfranmag.com](http://www.sanfranmag.com).) You can be sure you've made these winners' day.

### Best Bar

Hovering above Chinatown and North Beach, **Sip Bar & Lounge** lures in lovers of the espresso-fueled cocktail and the white-cranberry cosmo. It's everyone-who's-anyone's best-kept secret for private parties or a night of sly conversation on a crisp leather couch piled with plush velvet pillows. 787 BROADWAY ST., S.F., 415-699-6545.

### Best Nightclub/Lounge

No one stumbles into **Pink**: the lines are too long and the crowd too beautiful to just pop in for a beer. But for the second year in a row, this is where our readers go to sparkle over an effervescent bottle (or two)—and are never caught dead in anything that will clash with the fuchsia decor. 2925 16TH ST., S.F., 415-431-8889, [WWW.PINKSF.COM](http://WWW.PINKSF.COM).

### Best Local Band

Recently toasted at the San Francisco Recording Academy Chapter's 2006 Honors (the equivalent of the S.F. Grammys), **Green Day** has come a long way from local gigs at tiny all-ages East Bay venues. Still, despite the hype, our hearts pump pure Green for the threesome. [WWW.GREENDAY.COM](http://WWW.GREENDAY.COM).

### Best Radio Station

Three's the charm on our readers' radio dial, as this is the third year in a row that **102.1 FM KDFC** is the sweet spot. Whether broadcasting the San Francisco Symphony or reporting on the pet of the week, this soothing classical station is the perfect sound track for our mellow mood, or for soothing us into one while we sit in traffic. [WWW.KDFC.COM](http://WWW.KDFC.COM).

### Best Radio DJ

If you want your morning radio wacky, hyper, and celebrity studded, then join the masses tuning into **Sarah and No Name**, who take the gold for the second year. They chat up the mayor, Geraldo Rivera, and anyone who cares to pipe up in between. WEEKDAYS 5-10 A.M., 97.3 FM, [WWW.RADIOALICE.COM/MORNING\\_SHOW/INDEX.ASP](http://WWW.RADIOALICE.COM/MORNING_SHOW/INDEX.ASP).

### Best Movie Theater

In 1926, the **Balboa** movie house began delighting our fair city, and we still think it's the best. With easy parking, free admission on your birthday, and Caffe Trieste coffee and Aidells sausage at the snack bar, what's not to love about this theater with a passion for the soul of cinema? 3630 BALBOA ST., S.F., 415-221-8184, [WWW.BALBOAMOVIES.COM](http://WWW.BALBOAMOVIES.COM).

### Best Spa

Monikered for the color of the Golden Gate Bridge, **International Orange** is a house of yoga, art exhibitions, and spa products and services that starts with

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