

# Dining Scene

## So where can you go for late-night food?

### Readers recommend favorite spots for after-hours grinds

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It seems most O'ahu residents make their dinner reservations for 6:30 sharp — in and out and at home in time to watch the 9 o'clock news. But more and more people find that a snooze. They prowl Honolulu and are hungry for a civilized bite 'round midnight. So we asked readers where they like to go for after-restaurant-hours eating.

The responses ranged from the tried and true to a Chinatown newcomer and a place many might not even know serves food.

#### BAR 35

35 N. Hotel St., between Nu'u-  
anu Avenue and Smith Street,  
537-3535

Pizza served: 5-9 p.m. Mondays  
to Wednesdays, 5 p.m.-midnight  
Thursdays and Fridays, 7 p.m.-  
1 a.m. Saturdays

Price for one pizza: \$9-\$11

Pizza, that standby post-partying snack, takes on new dimension at Bar 35, a top pick of three readers.

Guido Carlo Pigliasco writes: "Tuscan chef Francesco Valentini has taken a contemporary approach to Italian pizza, reshaping it, re-flavoring and renaming it in a tongue-in-cheek parlance, successfully blending it with the Hawaiian melting pot. His Bombay Decadence, Cantonese Kiss and Italian Perdition — to name a few — speak (and taste) the language of spices, style and subversion. One more comment: Bar 35 offers an outstanding beer selection. In Italy, pizza goes hand in hand with beer, not wine, (in

spite of) what people think due to some local spurious representations of the Italian cuisine."

Bar 35 is also the "favorite late-evening watering hole in the new, resurgent Hotel Street" of real-estate agent Tom Kenney, who had his first drink in Chinatown at the Pantheon Bar on Smith Street in 1964.

"Where else can you get a Rasputin beer for four bucks, and superb selection of other hard-to-find beers?" he writes. "For an excellent late-night pūpū, there is that delightful selection of "fusion pizza" by chef Valentini. Pizzas are cooked right on the premises and are just right in weight and crispness. You can actually find chef Valentini there many nights, cooking up a storm.

"The club's atmosphere can be lively, without being too rambunctious. Perhaps clients are little young for an old geezer like me, but that's all right — I'm there for beer and pizza."



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At Bar 35 on Hotel Street, from left, Adriana Inclan, Carrie Lukens, Jacob Maxwell and Sheldon Char. Readers rave about the pizzas.