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2nd Annual Best Restaurant List **The Daily Meal 2012** **101 Best Restaurants in America**

New York, NY (February 22, 2012)—[The Daily Meal](#)—Spanfeller Media Group's (SMG) mega food site—today revealed its 2nd annual list of the 101 Best Restaurants in America. Alongside a panel of esteemed food and restaurant critics, writers and bloggers, The Daily Meal editorial team scoured the country to find the places for the best epicurean experience.

“Naming the best restaurants across the country is a daunting task and proves to be difficult each year,” said Colman Andrews, editorial director, The Daily Meal. “Our team of editors and outside experts — including some of the top restaurant critics and food bloggers in the country — looked at last year’s best restaurants list, mixed in their own favorites, and then boiled a selection of 202 restaurants down to 101. From ultra-casual to super-fancy, old-fashioned to avant-garde, the final list is comprehensive, covering all flavors of the food world and corners of the country.”

Highlights of the top restaurants of 2012 include:

- **(#3) Chez Panisse**, Berkley, CA: A truly “green” restaurant, the founders believe that organic, locally grown food harvested in an ecologically sound way produces the best-tasting foods.
- **(#4) Eleven Madison Park**, New York, NY: The delectable food is paired well with the great skyscraper ceiling and whimsical flower arrangements. Your eyes will be just as pleased as your palate.
- **(#23) Girl & the Goat**, Chicago, IL: Wine is bottled and bread is baked daily here in this rustic, comfortable restaurant. Food is split up into different categories—vegetable, fish, and meat—with crossovers of each item so you get a taste of everything.
- **(#33) Pizzeria Bianco**, Phoenix, AZ: Forget New York, this pizzeria can claim the title of Best Pizza in America.
- **(#48) Arthur Bryant's**, Kansas City, MO: Founded in 1920, this establishment is a staple in Kansas City and blocks away from Municipal Stadium. Major League players sit amongst fans here enjoying down-home BBQ food.
- **(#83) Ben's Chili Bowl**, Washington, DC: If the name doesn't give it away, it's all about the hearty American classic here—chili. And if you're ever craving some at 3 am in DC, Ben's Chilli Bowl is open until 4 am.

To check out the full list and The Daily Meal's #1 pick, visit: <http://www.thedailymeal.com/101-best-restaurants-america>.

About The Daily Meal:

[The Daily Meal](#) covers all things food and drink, creating a complete epicurean experience for cooks, food lovers, wine, beer and spirit connoisseurs, discerning diners and everyone in-between. Comprised of original content and video from Award winning editors, industry insiders, tastemakers and the user community, features range across the site's multiple channels: Cook, Eat/Dine, Drink, Travel, Entertain, Best Recipes, Holidays, Lists and Community. The Daily Meal also produces much-anticipated annual reports including the 50 Most Powerful People in Food, America's Most Successful Chefs, 101 Best Restaurants in America and 150 Best Bars in America. Additionally, The Daily Meal Shop, an online cookware store, offers over 7,000 kitchenware and specialty foods tailored specifically to The Daily Meal's hungry following of savvy food enthusiasts. Helmed by editorial director Colman Andrews, The Daily Meal is one of the largest food sites on the Web and the first property of Spanfeller Media Group, founded by Jim Spanfeller. Visit The Daily Meal on [Facebook](#); follow us on [Twitter](#).