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supported us so strongly." Buechner worked at a number of Island restaurants, including the Parker Ranch Broiler and Pioneer Inn. before opening John Dominis with partner Andy Anderson six years ago. "We're just trying to keep things up here," declares Buechner. "We try to provide freshness, quality, quantity, ambiance, all that."

OTHER ETHNIC

This is a catch-all category, taking in everything from health food to a dozen ethnic specialties. We even got some complaints on the ballots about how Honolulu needed more of this or that type of restaurant.

Last year the winner was the Greek Island Taverna. This year the Swiss Inn almost won, posting a very strong second. But once again our readers decided Greek food most appealed to their palates. The winner, however, was new: It's Greek to Me at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center.

"How exciting! That's fabulous!" said Jeanne Harris. It's Greek to Me's managing partner. It's Greek to Me got its start when Harris moved here from San Diego and could not find a good gyros, a combination of lamb and beef, herbs and spices, served with a yogurt-cucumber sauce on pita

It's Greek to Me serves a conventional American breakfast, operates as a Greek fast food place during the day, and turns into a more formal restaurant with table service for dinner. Harris is proud of the fact that all the food served in the restaurant is made fresh on the premises.

FAST FOOD

"Glad to hear it," said Patrick Kahler, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii Inc., when he was told that McDonald's had emerged triumphant in a tight race with Zippy's and Burger King.

McDonald's added nine restaurants to its Hawaii chain in 1985, bringing the total to 46 in the state. "Hawaii now has more McDonald's per capita than any other market in the country," reports Kahler. "And on top of that we have a higher average volume at each store than our cousins on the continent." Surprisingly, Kahler adds, it's not the tourists who push McDonald's sales so high here. "Our tourist business is smaller than you'd suspect, only 15 percent of our sales. I think we get our customers because

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