

## Readers' Picks 2005

### By FLYER READERS

#### GOODS & SERVICES

##### Best Grocery Store

1. Kroger
2. Schnucks
3. Fresh Market

##### Best Liquor Store

1. Buster's Liquors & Wine
2. Joe's Wines & Liquor
3. Arthur's Wine & Liquor

##### Best Department Store

1. Macy's
2. Target
3. Dillard's

##### Best Shopping Mall

1. Wolfchase Galleria
2. Oak Court Mall
3. The Shops of Saddle Creek

##### Best Gift Shop

1. Target
2. Kirkland's
3. Pier One

##### Best Book store (new)

1. Davis-Kidd Booksellers
2. Barnes & Noble Booksellers
3. Borders Books Music & Cafe

##### Best Book store (used)

1. Burke's Book Store 2. Midtown Books/Sip

3. Tiger Book Store

Best Bank

1. First Tennessee Bank

2. Regions Bank/Union Planters

3. Bank of America

Best Women's Clothing

1. Macy's

2. Victoria's Secret

3. Ann Taylor

Best Men's Clothing

1. James Davis

2. Oak Hall

3. Macy's

Best Vintage Clothing

1. Flashback

2. Goodwill

3. Salvation Army

Best Shoe Store

1. Designer Shoe Warehouse

2. Rack Room Shoes

3. Payless Shoe Source

Best Home Furnishings

1. Pottery Barn

2. Pier One

3. Bed Bath & Beyond -- *tie* --

Samuels Furniture & Interiors

Best Hair Salon

1. Gould's Styling Salon

2. Supercuts

3. Dabbles Hair Company -- *tie* --

Hi Gorgeous

Best Day Spa

1. Gould's
2. Touch of Health
3. Germantown Day Spa -- tie --

Serenity Day Spa

Best Fitness Club

1. YMCA
2. French Riviera Spa
3. 24 Hour Fitness

Best Jewelry Store

1. Las Savell Jewelry
2. Mednikow Jewelers
3. Kay Jewelers

Best Tattoo Parlor

1. Underground Art
2. Trilogy
3. Memphis Tattoo Co.

Best Antique Store

1. Bojo's Antique Mall
2. Palladio
3. Antique Mall of Midtown -- tie --

Flashback

Best Smoke Shop

1. Tobacco Corner
2. Wizard's
3. Madison Ave. Tobacco (Vince's) -- tie --

Whatever

Best Dry Cleaners

1. Bensinger's Fine Cleaners
2. Dryve Cleaners

3. Mercury Valet

Best Florist

1. Pugh's Flowers

2. Flowers by Sandy

3. Holliday's Flowers

Best Sporting Goods

1. Bass Pro Shop

2. Sports Authority

3. Outdoors Inc.

Best Place to Buy A Computer

1. Best Buy

2. Dell

3. Apple Store

Best Place to Buy a Bicycle

1. The Peddler

2. Midtown Bicycle Co.

3. Outdoors Inc.

Best Video

1. Blockbuster Video

2. Black Lodge Video

3. Hollywood Video

Best Record Store (new)

1. Cat's Compact Discs & Cassettes

2. Tower Records

3. Best Buy -- *tie* --

Pop Tunes Record Shops

Spin Street

Best Record Store (used)

1. Cat's Compact Discs & Cassettes

2. Pop Tunes Record Shops

3. Shangri-La Records

### Best Music Equipment

1. Strings & Things
2. Yarbrough's Music
3. Amro Music Stores

### Best Car Dealership

1. CarMax
2. Dobbs Brothers Honda -- *tie* --

### Covington Pike Toyota

### Saturn of Memphis

## FOOD & DRINK

### Best Chef

1. Judd and Alex Grisanti
2. Erling Jensen
3. Jose Gutierrez

### Best Lunch

1. Huey's
2. McAlister's
3. El Porton Mexican Restaurant

### Best Breakfast

1. Brother Juniper's
2. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
3. IHOP

### Best Romantic Restaurant

1. Paulette's
2. Jim's Place East
3. The Melting Pot

### Best Sunday Brunch

1. Owen Brennan's Restaurant
2. Peabody Skyway
3. Bosc's Squared

### Best Wine List

1. Le Chardonnay Wine Bar & Bistro
2. McEwen's on Monroe
3. Folk's Folly Prime Steak House

#### Best Steak

1. Folk's Folly Prime Steak House
2. Ruth's Chris Steak House
3. The Butcher Shop

#### Best Barbecue

1. Corky's
2. Central BBQ
3. The Bar-B-Q Shop

#### Best Burger

1. Huey's
2. Back Yard Burgers
3. Earnestine & Hazel's

#### Best Hot Wings

1. Hooters
2. Buffalo Wild Wings
3. D'Bo's Buffalo Wings-N-Things

#### Best Ribs

1. Charles Vergos' Rendezvous
2. Corky's
3. Central BBQ

#### Best Dessert

1. Paulette's
2. Peabody's Deli and Dessert
3. The Melting Pot

#### Best Italian

1. Ronnie Grisanti & Sons
2. Pete and Sam's Restaurant
3. Olive Garden

#### Best Mexican

1. El Porton Mexican Restaurant
2. Molly Gonzales' La Casita Mexican Restaurant
3. On the Border Mexican Cafe

#### Best Chinese

1. PF Chang's China Bistro
2. Wang's Mandarin House
3. Formosa Restaurant

#### Best Thai

1. Bhan Thai
2. Bangkok Alley
3. Sawaddii Thai Cuisine -- *tie* --

#### Jasmine Thai Restaurant

#### Best Vietnamese

1. Saigon Le
2. Pho Saigon
3. Pho Hoa Binh

#### Best Japanese/Sushi

1. Sekisui
2. Benihana of Tokyo
3. Pacific Rim

#### Best Indian

1. India Palace
2. Bombay House
3. Golden India

#### Best Home Cooking/Soul Food

1. The Cupboard
2. Gus's Fried Chicken
3. Blue Plate Café

#### Best Vegetarian

1. Wild Oats Market

2. The Cupboard

3. La Montagne Natural Food Restaurant

Best Seafood

1. Red Lobster

2. Anderton's

3. Joe's Crab Shack -- tie --

Blue Fish Restaurant & Oyster Bar

Bonefish Grill

Tsunami

Best Pizza

1. Memphis Pizza Cafe

2. Exline's

3. Papa John's -- tie --

Camy's

Best Deli

1. Lenny's Sub Shop

2. McAlister's

3. Fino's from the Hill

Best Service

1. Huey's

2. Houston's

3. Folk's Folly Prime Steak House

Best Place that Delivers

1. Camy's

2. Papa John's

3. Pizza Hut -- tie --

Young Avenue Deli

Best Bakery

1. La Baguette

2. Howard's Donuts

3. Kay Bakery -- tie --

Atlanta Bread Company

Best Coffeehouse

1. Starbucks
2. Otherlands
3. Java Cabana

Best Restaurant in Memphis

\*Readers' Choice

Texas de Brazil

Huey's

McEwen's on Monroe

Jim's Place East

Folk's Folly Prime Steak House

Best New Restaurant

1. LoLo's Table
  2. Blue Fish Restaurant & Oyster Bar
- tie -- Big Foot Lodge

3. Casablanca

NIGHTLIFE

Best Place To See Live Music

1. Hi-Tone Cafe
2. New Daisy Theatre
3. B.B. King's

Best Local Band

\*Readers' Choice

Ingram Hill

Lucero

Gabby Johnson

The Dempseys

Twin Soul

Best Bar

\*Readers' Choice

Young Avenue Deli

Flying Saucer Draught Emporium

Blue Monkey

Fox & Hound English Tavern

Best New Bar 2005

1. Celtic Crossing -- tie --

Big Foot Lodge

2. Lolo's Table -- tie --

Dish

Best Hole in the Wall

1. Alex's

2. P&H Cafe

3. Earnestine & Hazel's

Best After Hours Club

1. Raiford's Hollywood

2. Earnestine & Hazel's

3. Alex's -- tie --

Two Way Inn

Best Beer Selection

1. Flying Saucer Draught Emporium

2. Bosc's Squared

3. Young Avenue Deli

Best Happy Hour

1. Chili's

2. Blue Monkey

3. Flying Saucer Draught Emporium -- tie --

On the Border Mexican Cafe

Best Place to Dance

1. Senses

2. Alfred's

3. Club 152 on Beale

#### Best Jukebox

1. Earnestine & Hazel's
2. Alex's
3. Young Avenue Deli

#### Best Place to Play Pool

1. Fox & Hound English Tavern
2. Highland Cue
3. Young Avenue Deli

#### Best Sports Bar

1. Fox & Hound English Tavern
2. Buffalo Wild Wings
3. T.J. Mulligan's -- tie --

#### Hooters

#### RECREATION

#### Best Museum

1. Memphis Pink Palace Museum
2. Memphis Brooks Museum of Art
3. Stax Museum of American Soul Music

#### Best Art Gallery

1. Memphis College of Art
2. Midtown Artist Market Gallery
3. David Lusk Gallery

#### Best Live Theater

1. The Orpheum
2. Playhouse on the Square
3. Theatre Memphis

#### Best Movie Theater

1. Paradiso
2. Studio on the Square
3. Muvico Peabody Place 22

#### Best Golf Course

1. TPC at Southwind
2. The Links at Galloway
3. The Links at Overton Park

#### Best Casino

1. Horseshoe Casino
2. Grand Casino
3. Gold Strike Casino

#### Best Place for a Picnic

1. Shelby Farms
2. Overton Park
3. Memphis Botanic Garden

#### Best Family Entertainment

1. Redbirds Game
2. Memphis Zoo
3. Grizzlies Game

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2. Memphis Redbirds
3. University of Memphis Football

#### Best Local Athlete

1. DeAngelo Williams,  
University of Memphis Football
2. Shane Battier, Memphis Grizzlies
3. Pau Gasol, Memphis Grizzlies

#### MEDIA

##### Best FM Station

1. WEGR-FM 102.7, Rock 103
2. WMBZ-FM 94.1, The Buzz
3. WXMV-FM 98.1, The Max -- tie --  
WEVL-FM 89.9, Weevil

##### Best AM Station

1. WHBQ-AM 560

2. WWTQ-AM 680

3. WMC-AM 790

Best Drive-Time Show

1. Drake & Zeke, WXXM-FM 98.1, The Max

2. Dennis & Ric, WEGR-FM 102.7, Rock 103

3. Howard Stern, WMFS-FM 92.9, 93X

Best Sports Radio Show

1. *SportsCall*, WMC-AM 790

2. *Sportstime with Lapidus & Calkins*, WHBQ-AM 560

3. *Sports with Marky B*, WXXM-FM 98.1, The Max

Best Talk Show

1. *Mike Fleming*, WREC-AM 600

2. *The Leon Gray Show*, WWTQ-AM 680

3. Dennis & Ric, WEGR-FM 102.7, Rock 103

Best Newspaper Columnist

1. Wendi C. Thomas,

*The Commercial Appeal*

2. Geoff Calkins, *The Commercial Appeal*

3. Tim Sampson, *The Memphis Flyer*

Best Weatherperson

1. Dave Brown, WMC-TV, Channel 5

2. Jim Jagers, WREG-TV, Channel 3

3. Tim Simpson, WREG-TV, Channel 3

Best TV Sportscaster

1. Jarvis Greer, WMC-TV, Channel 5

2. Greg Gaston, WPTY-24, Channel 24

3. Glenn Carver, WREG-TV, Channel 3

Best TV News Anchor

1. Joe Birch, WMC-TV, Channel 5

2. Kym Clark, WMC-TV, Channel 5

3. Donna Davis, WMC-TV, Channel 5

### Best Radio Personality

1. John "Bad Dog" McCormack, WEGR-FM 102.7, Rock 103
2. Ron Olson, WMC-FM 99.7, FM 100 3. Drake & Zeke, WXXM-FM 98.1, The Max

### Best Memphis-Themed Web Site

1. [MemphisFlyer.com](http://MemphisFlyer.com)
2. [Rock103.com](http://Rock103.com) -- tie --  
[CommercialAppeal.com](http://CommercialAppeal.com)
3. [MemphisTigers.org](http://MemphisTigers.org)

### Best Memphis Blog

1. [RachelandtheCity.com](http://RachelandtheCity.com)
2. [Halfbakered.blogspot.com](http://Halfbakered.blogspot.com) -- tie --  
[Scenestars.net](http://Scenestars.net)  
[Goner-Records.com/board](http://Goner-Records.com/board)

### AND THE REST

### Best Category We Left Out

*\*Readers' Choice*

Bartender

Strip Joint (Gentlemen's Club)

Neighborhood

Best Memphian

1. Shelby County mayor A C Wharton
2. FedEx founder Fred Smith
3. State representative Harold Ford Jr. -- tie -- Elvis

### Best Locally Produced Product

1. Barbecue
2. Music
3. FedEx

### Best Memphis Failure

1. Memphis mayor Willie Herenton
2. Former state senator John Ford
3. Park names debate

## Best Memphis Success

1. The Tennessee Waltz sting

2. FedExForum -- tie --

John Ford resigns as state senator

3. International Paper headquarters moves to Memphis -- tie --

University of Memphis

football program

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